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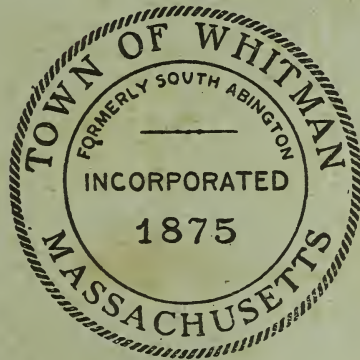
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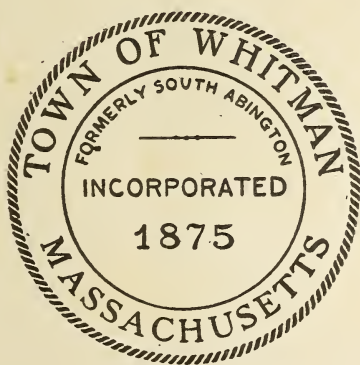
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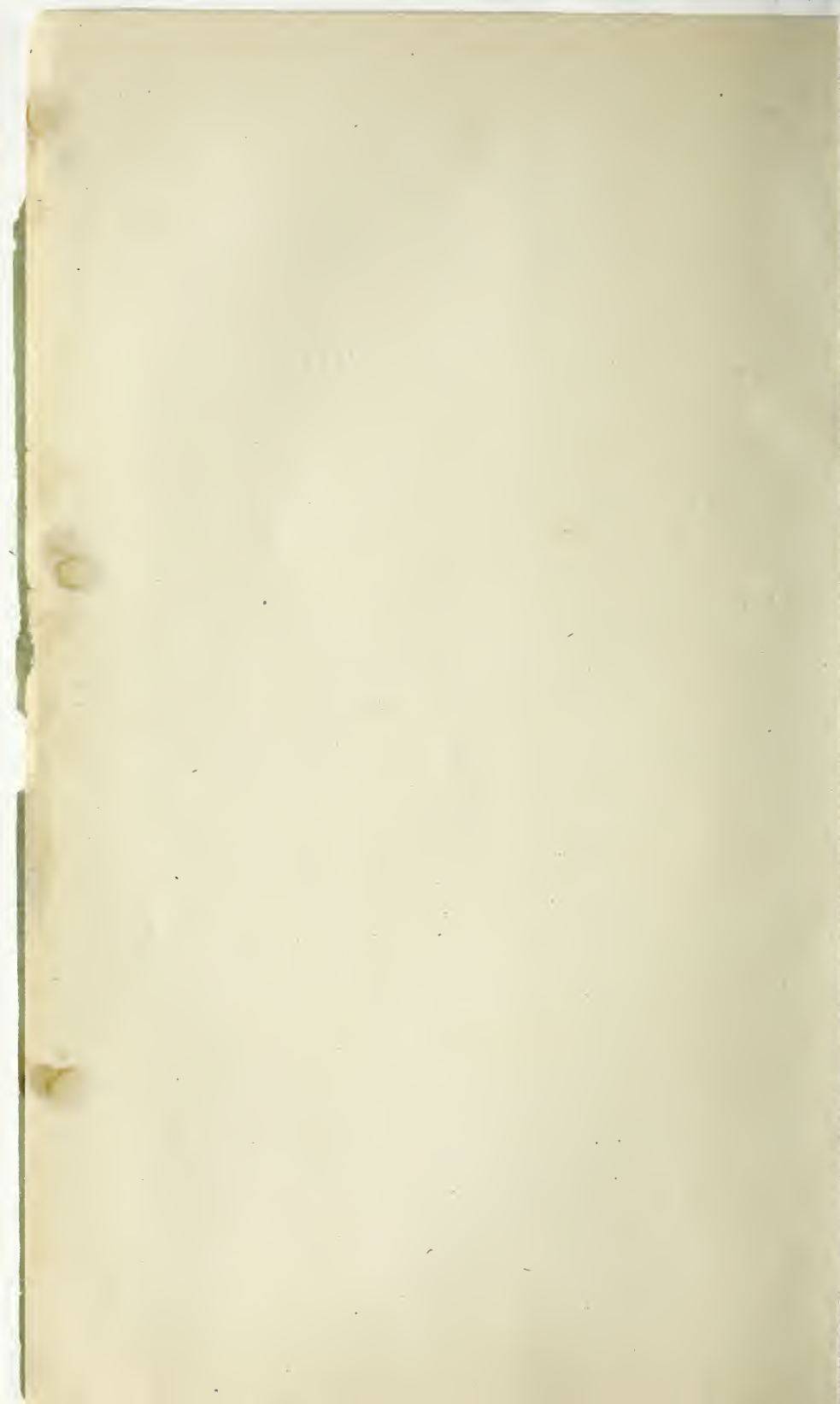
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1904.

TOWN CLERK—George H. Pearson.

TOWN TREASURER—Benjamin Calvin Reed.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, (one year)—Andrew C. Brigham, Benjamin Calvin Reed, Geo. D. Soule.

ASSESSORS (one year)—Arthur D. B. Butler, Isaiah T. Churchill, George D. Soule.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Walter E. Trufant, three years; Elmer W. Noyes, two years; Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell, one year.

WATER COMMISSIONERS—Julius C. Gilbert, three years; Ernest C. Howard, three years; Andrew R. McCallum, one year.

BOARD OF HEALTH—George A. Edson, three years; Lucius Cook, two years; Alfred A. MacKeen, one year.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY—George A. Dorr and Deborah A. Partridge, three years; Lizzie B. Bosworth and Eugenia F. Lovell, two years; Edward J. Gaffney, Francis J. Hanley, one year.

PARK COMMISSIONERS—Albert H. Brigham, Alfred A. MacKeen, Walter E. Trufant.

CONSTABLES (one year)—John J. Dowd, Thomas F. Kane, Andrew R. McCallum, Foster J. Rand, Patrick H. Smith.

NIGHT WATCHMAN—Frank Erskine.

POLICE—Patrick H. Smith, chief; Andrew R. McCallum, Foster J. Rand, Thomas F. Kane, John J. Dowd, Frank Erskine.

SPECIAL POLICE—C. Payson Reed, Charles F. Cook, Harry Stanley, George A. Edson, Arthur A. Sandra, Robert McCallum, Walton C. Bates.

KEEPER OF LOCKUP—Patrick H. Smith.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Benjamin C. Reed.

AUDITORS—Bela Alden, G. Howard Soule.

FIELD DRIVER—Charles E. Lowell.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER—Charles A. Larry, Albert Faunce.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—William C. Gurney.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK—Geo. D. Soule, Charles A. Larry.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE—Lawrence J. Maloney, Charles D. Dyer, J. C. Gilbert.

TREE WARDEN—Clarence A. Randall.

FENCE VIEWERS—George A. Dorr, William C. Gurney.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS—Baylies Wood, three years; Randall W. Cook, two years; Patrick J. Callanan, one year.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDS—Verrin D. Lincoln, Frank M. Davis, Charles Conant, Ezra S. Nutter.

BURIAL COMMITTEE, under Chap. 27, Acts of 1896—George H. Pearson.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS, AND ANIMALS INTENDED FOR SLAUGHTER—Owen F. Bumpus.

TOWN PHYSICIANS—O. A. Bemis, A. A. MacKeen, C. E. Lovell, F. J. Hanley.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Whitman herewith submit their thirtieth annual report of the financial condition of the town, together with the receipts and expenditures, from Jan. 4, 1904, to Jan. 2, 1905.

Paid as State Aid under Chapter 374, Acts of
1899 \$6089 50
All to be refunded by the State.

Paid as Military Aid under Chapter 372, Acts
of 1899..... 480 00
One-half to be refunded by the State..... 240 00

\$240 00

Amount appropriated 300 00

Balance unexpended..... \$60 00

Paid as Soldiers, Relief under Chapter 447, Acts
of 1890, to persons having a settlement in
Whitman 1418 12
Amount appropriated..... 1800 00

Balance unexpended..... \$381 88

Paid to persons having a settlement elsewhere.. \$821 94

Received and receivable from—

Wareham	\$128 26
Rockland	120 00
Weymouth	118 00
Boston	113 68
Abington	36 00
Duxbury	138 00
Brockton	38 00
Hanover	130 00
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	\$821 94

Disbursements of the amount (\$2240.06) under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, were as follows:

Whitman Grain & Coal Co.. for coal	\$33 26
R. W. Cook, for coal	34 63
C. P. Slack, for wood	5 25
W. W. Josselyn, for wood	25 11
Joseph Murphy, for wood	5 00
E. W. Noyes, for groceries	77 33
Wm. Spellman, for groceries	18 00
Elmer H. Southworth, for provisions	95 00
H. C. Cleveland, for medicines	1 75
O. F. Johnson, for clothing	15 00
Brockton Hospital	87 97
West Bridgewater	66 00
Norwell	112 50
Bourne	145 50
Pembroke	120 00
Stoughton	159 00
Brockton	96 00
Board	60 71
Rent	110 50
Cash	971 55

\$2240 06

Paid George H. Pearson, agent for burial of indigent soldiers, their wives and widows, under Chap. 79 of the revised laws of 1901,	\$175 00
All to be refunded by the State.	

MILITARY SETTLEMENTS.

Paid East Bridgewater.....	\$23 10
No appropriation.	

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Amount appropriated.....	\$150 00
Paid Post 78, G. A. R.....	\$150 00

POLICE SERVICE.

Paid—

P. H. Smith, services as chief.....	\$800 00
Wm. H. Churchill, services as police and night watchman	146 66
Frank Erskine, services as police and night watchman	437 98
Foster J. Rand, services as police	190 39
Thomas F. Kane " " "	192 90
Harry Stanley " " "	40 25
George A. Edson " " "	18 75
Arthur Sandra " " "	12 50
Robert McCallum " " "	64 50
John R. Burke " " "	42 00
Albert H. Miles " " "	38 00
John J. Dowd " " "	3 00
A. R. McCallum " " " \$32 00	
" " for use of team.....	4 00
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O. B. Perry, for use of team.....	\$18 50
Harry H. Hovey.....	1 10
P. H. Smith, services as keeper of lock-up.....	\$25 00
P. H. Smith, cash paid out.....	13 35
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	38 35
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., for lighting lockup and police headquarters	10 00
Whitman Light & Power Co., for lighting lock- up and police headquarters	20 00
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	\$2110 88
Amount appropriated.....	2000 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$110 88

SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXI- CATING LIQUOR.

Paid—	
C. H. Edson, professional services and expenses	\$150 00
Wm. H. Churchill, services.....	3 00
A. R. McCallum, services and expenses.....	33 75
F. J. Rand, services.....	38 00
T. F. Kane “	35 00
Frank Erskine “	9 00
P. H. Smith, cash paid out.....	8 85
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	\$277 60

No appropriation.

EXPENSES IN CRIMINAL CASES IN SECOND DISTRICT COURT UNDER CHAP. 440,
ACTS OF 1890.

Paid—	
John T. Condon, services and expenses	\$1 75
Charles S. Spring “ “ “	23 55
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	\$25 30
Amount received from Second District Court..	539 93
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Balance in favor of the town.....	\$514 63

TREE WARDEN.

Paid—	
C. A. Randall, services.....	\$14 03
“ “ labor and teams	20 75
“ “ trees and supplies.....	72 71
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	107 49
Amount appropriated	250 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$142 51

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amount appropriated	\$1800 00
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Paid Treasurer	\$1800 00

WHITMAN PARK.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1500 00
Paid Commissioners.....	1526 53
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Excess of appropriation	\$26 53

EXPENDED FOR HIGHWAYS.

Amount appropriated for repairs of highways, bridges and drains	\$5000 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	4871 80
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Balance unexpended	\$128 20

HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS.

Amount appropriated	\$500 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	499 76
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Balance unexpended	24

REMOVING SNOW.

Amount appropriated	\$1500 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	1254 41
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Balance unexpended	\$245 59

SIDEWALKS.

Amount appropriated	\$1000 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	1002 94
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Excess of appropriation	\$2 94

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Amount appropriated	\$1000 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	\$1000 00

BEULAH STREET DRAINAGE.

Amount appropriated..	\$400 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.	\$400 00

WASHINGTON STREET DRAINAGE.

Amount appropriated.	\$350 00
Paid Highway Surveyor	522 55
Excess of appropriation.	\$172 55

REPAIRING NORTH WASHINGTON STREET.

Amount appropriated.	\$1500 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.	\$1500 00

PLYMOUTH STREET DAMAGE CASE.

Paid S. A. Smith.	\$200 00
No appropriation.	

WASHINGTON STREET DAMAGE CASE.

Paid Abbie A. Freeman.	\$89 25
No appropriation.	

NORTH RIVER BRIDGE.

Paid County of Plymouth, assessment.	\$100 00
No appropriation.	

STREET LIGHTING.

Amount appropriated	\$4100 00
Paid Street Lighting Committee.	4099 55
Balance unexpended.	45

STREET LIGHT ON WEST STREET.

Amount appropriated.....	\$12 50
Not drawn	
Balance unexpended.....	\$12 50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1970 00
Paid Fire Engineers.....	2466 43
Excess of appropriation.....	\$496 43

FOREST FIRES.

Paid Forest Fire Wards.....	\$34 00
No appropriation.	

FIRE ALARM BOX ON PREMISES OF D. B. GURNEY.

Amount appropriated.....	\$85 00
Paid Fire Engineers.....	82 15
Balance unexpended.....	\$2 85

NEW HOSE.

Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00
Paid Fire Engineers.....	\$500 00

WATER FOR 139 HYDRANTS.

Amount appropriated.....	\$2780 00
Paid Fire Engineers.....	\$2780 00

WATER SINKING FUND.

Amount appropriated.....	\$2000 00
Paid Water Commissioners.....	\$2000 00

WATER FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Paid Water Commissioners for water for two drinking fountains.....	\$25 00
No appropriation.	

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Expended for support of poor persons having a settlement in Whitman.....	\$6858 09
Expended for tramps	80 42
	<u>\$6938 51</u>
Amount appropriated	6500 00
	<u><u>\$438 51</u></u>
Excess of appropriation	\$438 51
Paid for persons having a settlement elsewhere	<u>\$1552 15</u>
Received and receivable from cities, towns and the State	\$1552 15

ABATEMENT OF TAXES AND COLLECTOR'S FEES.

Paid H. C. Ferguson, Collector—	
Collector's fees for 1902	\$53 00
Paid B. C. Reed, Collector—	
Collector's fees for 1902.....	76 18
“ “ “ 1903.....	130 75
“ “ “ 1904.....	473 12

Abatement of taxes, 1902.....	\$401 27
“ “ “ 1903.....	115 63
“ “ “ 1904.....	174 26
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	\$1424 21
Amount appropriated.....	1200 00
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Excess of appropriation	\$224 21

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Paid—

George H. Pearson, returning 75 deaths	\$15 00
“ “ “ “ 66 marriages....	13 20
“ “ “ “ 123 births.....	61 50
“ “ “ “ 8 “	2 00
“ “ “ “ 4 “ (out of town).....	1 00
George H. Pearson, recording 1 death (out of town)	25
O. A. Bemis, M. D., returning 7 births, 1903.....	\$1 75
O. A. Bemis, M. D., returning 2 births, 1904.....	50
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	2 25
H. F. Copeland, M. D., returning 18 births, 1903.....	4 50
E. A. Dyer, M. D., returning 2 births, 1904...	50
W. H. Greeley, M. D., returning 2 births, 1904	50
F. J. Hanley, M. D., returning 39 births, 1903.....	\$9 75
F. J. Hanley, M. D., returning 44 births, 1904.....	11 00
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	20 75
L. J. Loewe, M. D., returning 15 births, 1903.....	\$3 75

L. J. Loewe, M. D., returning 10 births, 1904.....	\$2 50	
	-----	\$6 25
C. E. Lovell, M. D., returning 18 births, 1903	\$4 50	
C. E. Lovell, M. D., returning 19 births, 1904	4 75	9 25
A. A. MacKeen, M. D., returning 19 births, 1903.....	\$4 75	
A. A. MacKeen, M. D., returning 7 births, 1904.....	1 75	6 50
C. S. Millett, M. D., returning 1 birth, 1903....		25
L. Holbrook & Son, returning 46 deaths.....		11 50
M. P. O'Connor, returning 24 deaths.....		6 00

Harry B. Harding—

Printing town reports.....	\$329 00	
“ Registrars’ notices.....	1 25	
“ caucus call.....	1 50	
“ tally sheets	12 00	
“ orders and receipts.....	14 00	
“ order book.....	2 25	
“ envelopes.....	1 00	
“ poll tax lists.....	74 40	
“ for Board of Health....	6 75	
“ for Assessors.....	9 75	451 90

L. B. Hatch & Co.—

Printing notices of hearings.....	\$4 25	
“ caucus call.....	1 50	
“ tax bills.....	14 50	
“ Registrars’ notice.....	2 00	
“ voting lists.....	38 00	
“ and advertising town war- rants.....	52 00	
“ cards of town officers in Whitman Times.....	62 00	174 25

Wright & Potter, printing ballots.....	\$26 50
Howard Job Print, printing voting lists	23 00
Henry M. Meek Pub. Co., printing blanks for Assessors.....	3 00
P. B. Murphy, blanks for assessors.....	1 25
Review & Record Co., subscription for Review & Record.....	5 00
Whitman Light & Power Co., lighting town offices	46 56
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lighting town offices	29 36
Q. A. Merritt, care of town offices.....	69 75
A. R. McCailum, repairs odorless excavator...	9 36
Marion L. Reed, copying valuation book \$25 00	
“ “ “ copying and posting..	27 50
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	52 50
M. P. O'Connor, seating chairs	2 10
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, ballot box...	50 00
J. M. Penniman, expressage	16 17
Odorless Excavator Co., valve for odorless ex- cavator	11 00
George F. Ramsdell, keys for town offices.....	1 67
George H. Pearson—	
Delivering town reports.....	\$14 00
Expenses for Registrars.....	3 05
Postage.....	2 36
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	19 41
C. E. Lovell, M. D., team for Board of Health	2 25
E. C. Howard—	
Hose for odorless excavator.....	\$53 00
Stamp and brush.....	3 75
Keys for town offices	1 80
Figures for Assessors.....	8 93
Electric lamps.....	1 50
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	68 98

R. W. Cook, coal for town offices.....	\$39 55
C. W. Gurney & Son, lunches for election of- ficers	14 45
Atwood Bros., wood for town offices.....	50
Whitman National Bank, removing ashes.....	2 00
J. P. Bates, rent town offices	500 00
Charles Conant, repairs to odorless excavator..	29 95
W. B. Mason, stamps and pads for Assessors..	1 20
Goodwin & Co., work for Board of Health....	3 05
George E. Bolling, culture for Board of Health	3 00
Washburn & Davie—	
Wire netting and labor.....	\$1 04
Labor on Auburnville pump.....	3 01
Wicks.....	10
	—————
	4 15
C. C. Wingate, flags for soldiers' graves.....	1 80
Albert Davis, rent of Village Hall	80 00
William C. Gurney, sealer, stationery.....	60
A. F. Dyer, repairs to odorless excavator	8 25
John M. West, storage and carting voting booths.....	10 00
H. H. Hovey, goods for Board of Health	12 50
O. D. Everson, repairing town clock	20 00
H. C. Cleveland, goods for Board of Health...	1 05
D. W. Ford, spring water for town offices.....	23 00
W. E. H. Vaughan, rent of land for dump....	25 00
C. B. Perry, teams for town officers.....	12 00
A. A. MacKeen, M. D.—	
Use of team for Board of Health	\$17 25
Removal of nuisance.....	1 25
Telephone	40
	—————
	18 90
Benjamin C. Reed—	
Postage	9 52
Cash paid for expenses.....	3 40
	—————
	12 92

George D. Soule—

Tax collector's book..... \$5 75

Stationery 17 04

R. R. fares for town officers 16 88

Cash expenses for town officers... 14 75

\$54 42

C. H. Edson, services and expenses.....

87 15

\$2190 65

Amount appropriated.....

2000 00

Excess of appropriation.....

\$190 65

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Paid—

George D. Soule, services as selectman and
overseer of poor.....

\$208 00

Benjamin C. Reed, services as selectman and
overseer of poor.....

184 50

Andrew C. Brigham, services as selectman and
overseer of poor.....

79 50

George D. Soule, services as assessor.....

215 40

Isaiah T. Churchill, services as assessor.....

291 23

Arthur D. B. Butler, services as assessor.....

229 50

A. A. MacKeen, M. D., services on Board of
Health.....

93 60

Lucius Cook, services on Board of Health.....

37 80

George A. Edson, services on Board of Health.....

36 00

C. E. Lovell, M. D., services on Board of Health.....

13 80

G. Howard Soule, services as auditor.....

37 50

Bela Alden, services as auditor.....

37 50

Randall W. Cook, services as registrar of voters.....

65 50

P. J. Callanan, services as registrar of voters...

68 25

Baylies Wood, services as registrar of voters...

51 75

George H. Pearson, services as registrar of voters.....	\$72 50
V. D. Lincoln, services as fire engineer.....	10 40
Frank M. Davis, services as fire engineer.....	25 00
Charles Conant, services as fire engineer.....	25 00
E. S. Nutter, services as fire engineer.....	16 67
Frank M. Davis, services as clerk of fire engineers.....	25 00
Benjamin C. Reed, services as treasurer.....	300 00
George H. Pearson, services as town clerk....	45 55
A. A. MacKeen, services as park commissioner	15 00
W. E. Trufant, services as park commissioner	15 00
Benjamin F. Peterson, services as moderator...	47 00
O. A. Bemis, M. D., services as town physician	100 00
C. E. Lovell, M. D., " " " "	91 69
A. A. MacKeen, services as town physician, 1903	\$66 66
A. A. MacKeen, services as town physician, 1904.....	100 00
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	166 66
F. J. Hanley, M. D., services as town physician, 1903.....	\$66 66
F. J. Hanley, M. D., services as town physician, 1904.....	100 00
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	166 66
O. F. Bumpus, services as cattle inspector.....	186 50
P. H. Smith, services as constable.....	2 25
A. R. McCallum, services as constable.....	24 20
J. L. Bemis, services as ballot clerk at March meeting	4 90
L. W. Blanchard, services as ballot clerk at March meeting	4 90
L. J. Maloney, services as teller at March meeting	4 90
C. L. Redding, services as teller at March meeting	4 90

F. E. Sharp, services as teller at March meeting	\$4 90
J. J. Crowley, services as teller at March meeting	4 75
W. W. Livingston, services as teller at March meeting	4 75
P. J. Callanan, services as teller at March meeting	4 75
J. E. Bates, services as teller at March meeting	4 75
P. Henry Collins, services as teller at March meeting	4 45
E. W. Packard, services as teller at March meeting	4 45
Edward McNamara, services as teller at March meeting	4 45
E. Warren Clift, services as teller at March meeting	4 45
F. E. Sharp, services at recount, March meeting	1 50
J. J. Crowley, services at recount, March meeting	1 50
Edwin W. Packard, services as ballot clerk at November election	3 50
Lewis F. Trow, services as ballot clerk at November election	3 50
Nelson C. Simmons, services as teller at November election	3 50
Frank D. Stetson, services as teller at November election	3 50
J. J. Crowley, services as teller at November election	4 50
Johnnie L. Bemis, services as teller at November election	4 50
Charles F. Jackson, services as teller at November election	4 50
Timothy F. Donoghue, services as teller at November election	4 50
Fred E. Sharp, services as teller at November election	4 50

G. Howard Soule, services as teller at November election	\$4 50
Samuel Foster, services as teller at November election.....	4 50
Henry F. Prentiss, services as teller at November election	4 50
W. W. Livingston, services as teller at November election.....	4 50
Frank H. Kent, services as teller at November election.....	3 50
John Geogan, services as teller at November election	3 50
John Keefe, services as teller at November election.....	3 50
Charles E. Holmes, services as teller at November election.....	3 50
W. C. Gurney, services as sealer of weights and measures	9 15
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	\$3126 86
Amount appropriated.....	2500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$626 86

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

	Expended.	Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Balance Unexpended.
State Aid, Chap. 374, Acts of 1899.....	\$6,089 50	State.		
Military Aid, Chap. 372, " " *..	480 00	300 00		60 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts 1890..	1,418 12	1,800 00		381 88
Soldiers' Burial. Chapter 79, Revised Laws of 1901.....	175 00	State.		
Military Settlements.....	23 10		23 10	
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00	150 00		
Police Service.....	2,110 88	2,000 00	110 88	
Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.....	277 60		277 60	
Expense in Criminal Cases, Second District Court**.....	25 30			514 63
Tree Warden.....	107 49	250 00		142 51
Public Library.....	1,800 00	1,800 00		
Whitman Park.....	1,526 53	1,500 00	26 53	
Repairs of Highways, Bridges, Drains.	4,871 80	5,000 00		128 20
Highway Incidentals.....	499 76	500 00		24
Removing Snow.....	1,254 41	1,500 00		245 59
Sidewalks.....	1,002 94	1,000 00	2 94	
Concrete Sidewalks.....	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Beulah Street Drainage.....	400 00	400 00		
Washington Street Drainage.....	522 55	350 00	172 55	
Repairing North Washington Street...	1,500 00	1,500 00		
Plymouth Street Damage Case.....	200 00		200 00	
Washington Street Damage Case.....	89 25		89 25	
North River Bridge***.....	100 00		100 00	
Street Lighting.....	4,099 55	4,100 00		45
Street Light on West Street.....		12 50		12 50
Fire Department.....	2,466 43	1,970 00	496 43	
Forest Fires.....	34 00		34 00	
Fire Alarm Box on premises of D. B. Gurney.....	82 15	85 00		2 85
New Hose.....	500 00	500 00		
Water for 139 Hydrants.....	2,780 00	2,780 00		
Water Sinking Fund.....	2,000 00	2,000 00		
Water for Drinking Fountains.....	25 00		25 00	
Support of Poor.....	6,938 51	6,500 00	438 51	
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees.....	1,424 21	1,200 00	224 21	
Town Incidentals.....	2,190 65	2,000 00	190 65	
Town Officers and Committees.....	3 126 86	2,500 00	626 86	
Interest on Temporary Loan.....	1,574 03	2,500 00		925 97
Interest on Permanent Loan.....	280 00	280 00		
Town Notes due in 1904.....	2,000 00	2,000 00		

* \$240.00 paid by State..

** \$539.93 received from Second District Court.

*** \$100.00 Assessment made by County Commissioners.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury.....	\$10,483 36
Due from—	
B. C. Reed, collector, for taxes of 1903.....	6435 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1904.....	24,454 75
Due from the State—	
State Aid, Chap. 374, Acts of 1899.....	6089 50
Military Aid, Chap. 372, Acts of 1899.....	240 00
Burial expenses of indigent soldiers, their wives and widows, Chap. 79, Revised Laws.....	175 00
Due from cities and towns—	
Abington.....	430 29
Boston.....	194 53
Cohasset.....	289 22
Scituate.....	299 40
Kingston.....	40 00
East Bridgewater.....	19 00
Plymouth.....	120 14
Hanson.....	18 90
Raynham.....	78 00
Amesbury.....	22 50
Marlboro.....	99 00
Middleboro.....	22 00
Rockland.....	127 85
Milford.....	44 75
Taunton.....	148 65
Wareham.....	153 26
Weymouth.....	118 00
Duxbury.....	138 00
Brockton.....	38 00
Hanover.....	197 92
Pembroke.....	50 92
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	\$50,527 94

LIABILITIES.

Due—

Home Savings Bank, on account of unpaid taxes	\$40,000 00
Whitman Savings Bank, three town notes (\$2000 each) on Fire Station.....	6000 00
Estimated unpaid claims.....	550 00
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Total liabilities.....	\$46,550 00
Total assets.....	50,527 94
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Balance in favor of town.....	\$3977 94

CAROLINE WHITMAN PARK FUND.

In Whitman Savings Bank.....	\$1565 39
Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.....	1612 33
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	\$3177 72

WATER DEBT.

Outstanding Water Bonds.....	\$120 000 00
Amount of Sinking Fund and accumulated in- terest	48,473 03

GEO. D. SOULE,	} Selectmen of Whitman.
BENJAMIN C. REED,	
ANDREW C. BRIGHAM,	

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	} Auditors.
BELA ALDEN,	

Jan. 26, 1905

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

Schooling Proper (estimate of School Committee	\$21,000 00
School Incidentals " " "	1500 00
Text Books and Supplies " "	2000 00
Superintendent of Schools. " "	1000 00
Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Drains (estimate of Highway Surveyor)	5000 00
and the street railway excise tax.....	
Sidewalks (estimate of Highway Surveyor)	1000 00
Removing snow (estimate of Highway Surveyor)	500 00
Highway Incidentals (estimate of Highway Surveyor).....	500 00
Street Lighting (estimate of Street Lighting Committee).....	4110 00
Public Library (estimate of Trustees)	1800 00
Support of Poor.....	6500 00
Town Officers and Committees.....	2500 00
Town Incidentals.....	2000 00
Police Service.....	2300 00
Care and Improvement of Whitman Park (estimate of Park Commissioners).....	1000 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees.....	1200 00
Water Sinking Fund	2500 00
Running expenses of Fire Department (estimate of Engineers).....	900 00
Compensation of Members of Fire Department (estimate of Engineers).....	1170 00
Water for 144 Hydrants.....	2880 00
Storage Battery (estimate of Fire Engineers) ..	500 00
Tree Warden (estimate of Tree Warden).....	250 00
Military Aid, Chap. 381, Acts of 1904.....	300 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.....	1800 00
Interest on Temporary Loan (estimate of Town Treasurer)	2000 00

Interest on Permanent Loan (estimate of Town	
Treasurer)	\$210 00
One town note on New Fire Station.....	2000 00
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	\$68,570 00

List of Jurors.

The following list of jurors is presented for the consideration of the town, to be acted upon at the annual meeting, March 6, 1905:

Alden, Frank R.....	Shoe operative
Alden, William F.....	Grocers' clerk
Andrews, John E.....	Farmer
Atwood, Bertrand W.....	Foreman
Atwood, Elisha B.....	Shoe operative
Bannican, Lawrence.....	Shoe operative
Barker, James M.....	Shoe operative
Beary, Thomas.....	Shoe operative
Bemis, Johnnie L.....	Shoe operative
Black, Paul.....	Mason
Blanchard, Leslie W.....	Shoe operative
Bosworth, Nathan C.....	Shoe operative
Bowker, John W.....	Shoe operative
Brown, James N.....	Shoe operative
Butler, Arthur D. B.....	Carpenter
Callanan, Joseph P.....	Shoe operative
Chase, Edwin W.....	Shoe operative
Churchill, Isaiah T.....	Shoe operative
Clapp, Nelson P.....	Shoe operative
Cleveland, Herbert C.....	Druggist
Cox, Charles R.....	Grocer
Connor, John F.....	Shoe operative
Cook, Charles A.....	Shoe operative
Crowley, Michael H.....	Foreman
Curtis, W Burton.....	Clerk
Daniels, William J.....	Shoe operative

Dowd, Patrick F.....	Shoe operative
Dyer, Charles D.....	Horse dealer
Easterbrooks, William H.....	Carpenter
Edson, George A.....	Tacker
Edson, Minot H.....	Leather dealer
Everson, Wilmot V.....	Real estate
Fairbanks, William L.....	Hardware clerk
Gaffney, William H.....	Shoe operative
Geddis, Fred.....	Shoe operative
Gurney, Edward P.....	Farmer
Hall, Arthur W.....	Shoe operative
Hall, Melvin R.....	Laundryman
Harding, Clarence W.....	Shoe operative
Hatch, Henry B.....	Box maker
Hayward, Sam.....	Shoe operative
Howland, Perez A.....	Nailer
Hutchinson, William E.....	Clerk
Johnson, Oscar F.....	Merchant
Josselyn, Allen B.....	Shoe operative
Kane, Maurice.....	Salesman
Keefe, Nicholas.....	Shoe operative
Keene, Edward F.....	Leather cutter
Keene, John A.....	Shoe operative
Keene, Thomas S. W.....	Stone mason
Kent, Frank H.....	Shoe store
Kenneally, Patrick.....	Shoe operative
Leach, Charles W.....	Shoe operative
Luzarder, Albert F.....	Grocer
Lundregan, Robert.....	Hostler
Maglathlin, Arthur.....	Stone mason
McNamara, Edward J.....	Shoe operative
Miles, Albert A.....	Shoe operative
Moran, Jeremiah D.....	Shoe operative
Murphy, Frank H.....	Shoe operative
Murphy, James H.....	Shoe operative

Murphy, Michael T.....	Shoe operative
Nevins, George L.....	Merchant
Nugent, David F.....	Shoe operative
Paddleford, Frank.....	Insurance
Packard, Edwin W.....	Musician
Packard, James E.....	Shoe operative
Perkins, Charles H.....	Tacker
Pike, Wm. G.....	Leather dealer
Reinhardt, Frederick R.....	Shoe operative
Ripley, William F.....	Shoe operative
Ryder, Sanford M.....	Box maker
Sampson, Daniel C.....	Shoe operative
Shaw Edward W.....	Shoe operative
Smith, Abram A.....	Shoe operative
Snow, Joseph L.....	Tacker
Spellman, William.....	Grocer
Soule, G. Howard.....	Insurance
Stetson, Frank D.....	Foreman
Taft, E. Clifton.....	Box maker
Trufant, Walter E.....	Nail manufacturer
Thompson, Edwin.....	Shoe operative
Turner, Henry O.....	Jobber
Tyler, Charles D.....	Blacksmith
Webber, William L.....	Asst. foreman
Whidden, Joseph E.....	Machinist
White, Edwin....	Shoe operative
Wright, Alphonso B.....	Machinist

GEO. D. SOULE,	} Selectmen	
BENJAMIN C. REED,		of
ANDREW C BRIGHAM,		Whitman.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

APPROPRIATIONS ASSESSED IN 1904.

Schooling Proper.....	\$20,000 00
School Incidentals	1500 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	1800 00
Superintendent of Schools	1000 00
Spring Water for Schools.....	225 00
Repair of Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	2300 00
Removing Snow.....	1500 00
Highway Incidentals.....	500 00
Support of Poor.....	6500 00
Town Officers and Committees.....	2500 00
Town Incidentals.....	2000 00
Police Service.....	2000 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees.....	1200 00
Water for 139 Hydrants.....	2780 00
New Hose	500 00
Tree Warden.....	250 00
Military Aid, Chap. 372, Acts of 1899.....	300 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.....	1800 00
Interest on Temporary Loan.....	2500 00
Interest on Permanent Loan.....	280 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00
Public Library.....	1800 00
Whitman Park.....	1500 00
Sidewalks.....	1000 00
Lighting Streets.....	4100 00
Fire Department.....	1970 00
Water Sinking Fund.....	2000 00
Town Note.....	2000 00
Heating and Ventilating Corthell School.....	1500 00
Shingling Reed Schoolhouse	350 00

Repairing North Washington Street	\$1500 00
Concrete Sidewalks	1000 00
Street Light on West Street	12 50
Fire Alarm Box on premises of D. B. Gurney ..	85 00
Drainage of Beulah street	400 00
Drainage of Gold street	350 00
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	\$71,152 50
State Tax for 1904	3100 00
County Tax for 1904	4678 43
State Highway Tax	84 85
Overlaying	194 13
Gained by fractions in computing	86
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	\$79,210 77

VALUATION FOR 1904.

Real estate assessed	\$3,253,470 00
Personal estate assessed (excluding resident bank stock)	\$643,637
Resident bank stock	38,700 682,337 00
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	\$3,935,807 00
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Tax of \$3,935,807 at \$19.10 per \$1000 ...	\$75,173 91
Number of ratable poll 2018 at \$2.00	4036 00
Gained by fractions in computing	86
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	\$79,210 77
National Bank tax (non-resident)	215 83
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Amount committed to Collector as per war- rant	\$79,426 60
Old Colony Street Railway excise tax	1099 17
Brockton & Plymouth Street Railway tax ..	43 15

Real estate taxed additional \$4760 at \$19.10	\$90 92
Personal estate taxed additional \$1250 at \$19.10.....	23 87
Number additional polls 17, at \$2.00.....	34 00
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Total amount committed to Collector	\$80,717 71

SUMMARY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

Stock in Trade.....	\$178,750 00
Machinery.....	205,625 00
Live Stock.....	45,347 00
Other ratable personal estate	252,615 00
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	\$682,337 00

Population of the town, May 1, 1904.....	6581
Number acres land assessed.....	3957
“ dwelling houses assessed.....	1329
“ horses assessed	425
“ cows assessed.....	332
“ sheep assessed	2
“ swine assessed.....	27
“ fowl assessed.....	809
“ neat cattle other than cows assessed ...	13
“ persons assessed on property.....	1482
“ persons assessed for poll tax only.....	1291
Total value of land, excluding buildings ..	\$1,059,615 00
“ “ “ buildings, excluding land...	2,193,855 00

Total value of real estate assessed..... \$3,253,470 00

GEO. D. SOULE,
ISAAH T. CHURCHILL, { Assessors
ARTHUR D. B. BUTLER, { of
Whitman.

Jan. 12, 1905.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit the following report :

Amount expended for the Poor of	
Whitman.....	\$6858 09
Amount expended for tramps	80 42
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	\$6938 51
Amount appropriated.....	6500 00
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Excess of appropriation	\$438 51
Expended for Poor having a settlement in other towns and cities	1552 15
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Cash received and receivable from other towns and cities..... \$1552 15

The amount of \$8490.66, which was expended for the Poor of this and other towns and cities was distributed as follows :

Paid—

Cash	\$1724 06
Board	2375 23
Rent.....	1135 30
Dr. J. E. Burnette, Brockton.....	79 00
Dr. Gleason, Brockton	23 50
Dr. Walker, Boston.....	57 00
Dr. I. I. Richmond, East Bridgewater.....	13 00
Nursing	341 00
H. H. Hovey, medicine	40 95
H. C. Cleveland, medicine.....	11 70
C. R. Hilberg & Co., “	45 20
Bixby Drug Co., “	1 14

Burials	\$31 00
J. F. Hoyt, groceries.....	179 31
Geo. A. Clift, groceries.....	123 35
Nahum Reed, groceries.....	181 48
Wm. F. Coughlin, groceries.....	283 00
C. R. Cox, groceries.....	142 00
H. W. Lacey, groceries.....	61 79
Elmer W. Noyes, groceries.....	12 00
Wm. Spellman, groceries.....	78 00
J. W. Shaw Co., groceries.....	124 01
Geo. H. Pearson, groceries.....	9 22
T. A. Cushman, food for tramps.....	54 72
Albert L. Vaughan. milk.....	6 58
Wm. Bliss, meat.....	71 50
C. R. Dickerman & Son, meat.....	53 44
B. F. Bowker & Co., clothing.....	4 75
Oscar F. Johnson, clothing.....	14 00
E. J. Gaffney, shoes.....	4 25
R. W. Cook, fuel.....	88 45
E. C. Howard, fuel.....	36 26
Joseph Murphy, fuel.....	80 70
W. W. Josselyn, fuel.....	52 39
Atwood Bros., fuel.....	7 00
C. P. Slack, fuel.....	62 30
J. F. Hoyt, fuel.....	18 78
Brockton Ice & Coal Co., fuel.....	43 82
Flagg Coal & Coke Co., fuel.....	16 23
P. Sullivan, cutting wood.....	12 00
John J. Nolan, carting wood.....	8 00
Town of Rockland	45 75
Town of Plymouth	239 75
City of Brockton.....	11 95
City of Boston.....	91 00
City of Northampton.....	22 50
City of Worcester.....	15 00

Town of Hanover.....	\$64 22
Mass. School for Feeble-minded.....	169 92
Westboro Insane Hospital	40 86
Taunton Insane Hospital.....	45 50
Commonwealth of Mass.....	36 80
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	\$8490 66

GEO. D. SOULE,
 BENJAMIN C. REED, } Overseers of
 ANDREW C. BRIGHAM, } the Poor of
 Whitman.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN } Auditors.

Jan. 26, 1905.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON 1902 TAXES.

On account of the resignation and death of the late Harvey C. Ferguson, tax collector for 1902, the Selectmen make the following report of collection of taxes for that year:

Whitman, Mass., July 15, 1904.

The Auditors of the Town of Whitman respectfully submit the following report of the accounts of Mr. H. C. Ferguson, collector of taxes assessed by the town for the year 1902:

Cash on hand February 12, 1904.....	\$799 89
Amount uncollected on his book.....	13,464 24
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	\$14,264 13
Amount now uncollected on his book.....	9,706 32
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	\$4,557 81
Interest collected since Feb. 12, 1904.....	195 46
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	\$4,753 27
Paid B. C. Reed. treasurer.....	3,794 31
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Amount due from tax collector.....	\$958 96

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

The Assessors committed to B. C. Reed, Collector, July 15, 1904, the amount above shown uncollected on Mr. Ferguson's book, and following is report of Auditors showing Mr. Reed's account thereof:

Whitman, Dec. 14, 1904.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Whitman, have this day examined the books of Benjamin C. Reed with

reference to the collection of the taxes assessed by the town for the year 1902, given to him to collect July 15, 1904. and submit the following report:

Amount uncollected on H. C. Ferguson's book		
July 15, 1904.....	\$9,706	32
Amount relieved by Assessors.....	\$780	17
Amount paid Town Treasurer.....	8,910	15
	9,690	32

Amount proved to have been collected previous to July 15, 1904, but not marked paid on Mr. Ferguson's book.....	\$16	00
Amount due from Mr. Ferguson July 15, 1904,	958	96

Total amount due from H. C. Ferguson est.	\$974	96
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G. HOWARD SOULE,	} Auditors.
BELA ALDEN,	

Amount due from H. C. Ferguson.....	\$974	96
Commission due Mr. Ferguson.....	53	00

Balance due the town.....	\$921	96
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Received from the sureties on H. C. Ferguson's bond, as follows:

Charles Conant.....	\$307	32
Henry W. Chandler.....	307	32
Chester S. Sharpe.....	307	32

	\$921	96
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Respectfully submitted,

GEO. D. SOULE,	} Selectmen of Whitman.
BENJAMIN C. REED,	
ANDREW C. BRIGHAM,	

Whitman, Jan. 25, 1905.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer,

In account with the TOWN OF WHITMAN.

DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 22, 1904.....	\$14,657 86
Borrowed on Town Notes.....	65,000 00
Received from—	
H. C. Ferguson, Collector, taxes and int., 1902,	3,847 31
Sureties on bond of H. C. Ferguson, Collector.	921 96
Benjamin C. Reed, Collector, on acc't taxes 1902	8,910 15
“ interest 1902	705 80
“ taxes 1903	15,497 49
“ interest 1903	383 08
“ taxes 1904	56,262 96
“ interest 1904	24 55
City of Boston, on account.....	103 90
City of Brockton, on account.....	10 28
City of Marlboro, on account.....	42 85
City of Cambridge, on account.....	20 00
Town of Duxbury, on account.....	46 00
Town of East Bridgewater, on account.....	16 60
Town of Rockland, on account.....	239 70
Town of Amherst, on account.....	35 00
Town of Abington, on account.....	423 52
Town of Raynham, on account.....	79 50
Town of Somerset, on account.....	82 00
Town of Georgetown, on account.....	5 00
Town of Kingston, on account.....	120 00

Town of Scituate, on account.....	\$38 00
Town of Westboro, on account.....	132 61
Town of Holbrook, on account.....	55 00
Town of Cohasset, on account.....	69 65
Town of Wareham, on account.....	103 50
Town of Hanover, on account.....	115 00
Town of Weymouth, on account.....	30 00
Town of Plymouth, on account.....	91 60
Town of Wellesley, on account.....	240 00
Town of Milford, on account.....	208 15
Town of East Bridgewater, for tuition.....	95 50
Town of Hanson, for tuition.....	460 00
Town of Rockland, for tuition.....	226 00
C. O. Richmond, for tuition.....	4 00
Waldo E. Hill, for tuition.....	4 00
Carroll C. Foster, for tuition.....	10 00
E. A. Gorham, for tuition	10 00
Licenses.....	33 00
Town Clerk, for voting list.....	1 00
Newton C. White, for sand.....	7 50
Second District Court, for fines.....	539 93
Highway Surveyor, returned uncalled for.....	2 88
T. D. Howard, on acc't E. F. Edson	169 46
Michael Kenneally, use of odorless excavator..	66 95
County Treasurer, dog tax.....	801 82
State Treasurer—	
Corporation Tax.....	759 82
National Bank Tax.....	491 81
Military and State Aid.....	6,727 50
Support of State Paupers.....	85 85
Street Railway Tax.....	1,281 72
Education Children.....	23 00
Balance due Corporation Tax 1903.....	4 53

\$180,325 29

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Paid—

Selectmen's orders.....	\$53,665 68
School Committee orders.....	29,160 81
Town Notes.....	77,000 00
Interest on Town Notes	1,854 03
County Treasurer, County Tax.....	4,678 43
State Treasurer—	
State Tax.....	3,100 00
National Bank Tax.....	251 48
Repairs State Highway.....	84 85
Balance due National Bank Tax 1903	46 65
Cash on hand.....	10,483 36
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	\$180,325 29

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

January 26, 1905.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN C. REED,

In account with the TOWN OF WHITMAN.

Amount committed as per warrant for 1903 . . .	\$74,344	19
“ “ additional	236	11
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	\$74,580	30
Paid Town Treasurer in 1903	52,447	81
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	\$22,132	49
Interest collected since last report	383	08
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	\$22,515	57
Relieved	200	00
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	\$22,315	57
Paid Town Treasurer	15,880	57
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Amount uncollected for 1903	\$6435	00

Amount committed as per warrant for 1904 . . .	\$79,426	60
“ “ additional	148	79
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	\$79,575	39
Interest collected	24	55
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	\$79,599	94
Paid Town Treasurer	55,145	19
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Amount uncollected for 1904	\$24,454	75

AMOUNT COMMITTED BY SPECIAL WARRANTS FOR EXCISE
TAXES FOR 1904.

Old Colony Street Railway Co	\$1099 17
Paid Town Treasurer.....	1099 17
Brockton and Plymouth Street Railway Co....	43 15
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$43 15

BENJAMIN C. REED, Collector.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Jan. 26, 1905.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health in submitting its report for the year 1904, wishes to call attention particularly to the number of cases of disease, usually referable to a large degree to unsanitation: Typhoid Fever one; Diphtheria four. It certainly is a matter for congratulation that the town has been so free from those justly dreaded diseases.

We wish to say here that the citizens, to a remarkable degree, co-operate with us in the attempt to secure as thorough drainage and avoidance of nuisances as is possible in a town so destitute of natural drainage as is this one.

The odorless excavator is still operated by Mr. M. Kenneally, who is always prompt in responding to calls. The expense the past year has been greater than in some previous years, as we have been obliged to replace both the suction and discharge hose. Also the pump and truck as they get older, require more frequent repairs.

Owing to the indiscriminate and unrestricted sale of Wood Alcohol (a powerful poison) in this Commonwealth, it seems proper to warn the citizens at large of the great danger incurred in the careless handling of it. Methyl, or wood alcohol, is now refined to such a degree that the nauseous taste and odor are almost entirely eliminated, and it is hardly to be distinguished from alcohol by the sense of smell or taste. It is sold under the name of Columbia Spirits, Eagle Spirits, Refined Spirits, Alkoline, etc., etc. Hundreds of deaths have occurred from the ignorant use of this deadly poison, and one, at least in our own town.

Cases of contagious disease reported in 1904: Diphtheria, 4; Scarlet Fever, 14; Measles, 28; Typhoid Fever, 1.

Following is the report of the Cattle Inspector, Dr. O. F. Bumpus:

Number of cases reported as Glanders, three; killed one. Number reported as Tuberculosis, five; killed two. Inspected on place of owners: Swine, 219; Cattle, 348; Sheep, 4. Inspected stables, pig houses and cow barns, 104. Inspected at slaughterhouses: Veals, 103; Beeves, 21; Swine, 257.

LUCIUS COOK,	}	Board of Health.
A. A. MacKEEN,		
GEORGE A. EDSON,		

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of Police Department for your consideration, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904 :

Number of arrests.....	92
Males	85
Females	7

CAUSE OF ARRESTS.

Assault	4
Adultery	2
Bastardy	1
Breaking and Entering.....	1
Breaking glass.....	1
Cruelty to Animals.....	1
Disturbing the Peace	3
Disturbance on a car.....	1
Drunkenness	40
Gaming.....	2
Insane	3
Keeping and exposing liquor for sale	17
Larceny	4
Malicious Mischief.....	1
Non-support of family.....	1
Poor Butter.....	2
Riding bicycle on sidewalk.....	2
Stubborn Child.....	1
Tramps.....	2
Vagrant.....	1
Violating By-laws.....	2

FINAL DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Committed to House of Correction	14
Committed to State Farm.....	13
Committed to Insane Asylum	3
Number of persons returned to U. S. Army	1
Number of persons discharged by court	5
Number of persons awaiting disposition of court....	17
Number of persons paid fines.....	25
Number of persons paid cost of court	9
Number of cases nolle pros'd.....	1
Number of cases placed on probation.....	4
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	92

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of travellers lodged in Station House over night	1124
Number of cases investigated	39
Number of buildings found open at night and secured	40
Value of lost property recovered.....	\$522
Amount of imprisonment imposed by court, 7 years, 3 months and 15 days.....	
Number of search warrants for intoxicating liquors served	33
Number of search warrants for gaming implements	3
Number of bicycles found.....	9
Amount of fines imposed by Second Dist. Court...	\$907 00
Expenses of Police for year.....	2110 88

CONCLUSION.

My acknowledgements are hereby tendered to the selectmen and citizens for their courtesies, assistance and kindly co-operation with this department in the discharge of its important duties of maintaining the peace and good order of the town and securing the safety of its citizens.

PATRICK H. SMITH,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

In the spring I set out thirty-eight maple trees at an average cost of \$2.50 each.

Have given three Tree Warden's hearings and removed six large trees that were an obstruction to the street.

But very few elm beetles have been seen the past year and very little damage done by electric wires.

Would request the citizens of the town to report any elm beetles or gipsy moths seen the present year.

Have done but very little trimming the past year.

Would recommend the sum of \$250 for the ensuing year for the care of and setting out new trees.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARANCE A. RANDALL,

Tree Warden.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

I herewith respectfully submit the following report of the Highway Department for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1904 :

The amount expended on Washington street drain, properly shown in the Selectmen's report, is quite an excess over the appropriation, but in a financial view is not so large in the receipts and expenditures of said drain, as will be observed in the following report, for the reason of 326 feet of 12-in pipe, excavated from the street, which could not be used under the present system of drainage. Consequently we have this pipe on hand and it can be utilized in the future in other parts of the town. The cost of excavating the same was \$57 and the net value of 12-in. pipe is 45 cents per foot, making \$146.70 worth of pipe in stock.

A new element of travel has been introduced within the past few years which has grown quite extensively, namely—the automobile and bicycle. To this element is due, perhaps, more than to any other cause, a great demand for an increasing effort to make better roads. So universal has the automobile become that during the open months it is approximate to the carriage travel, and the time has arrived when this demand for better roads by the patrons of the automobile and bicycle must be recognized by those in a position to bring about needed improvements along these lines.

This demand will increase, for every man and woman is vitally interested to see our streets and sidewalks made not only comfortable to travel, but attractive as well.

The Legislature has recognized the importance of good roads and has a commission for the purpose of building permanent

highways, traversing the country in various directions. Many of us are familiar with some of the work accomplished by our own state the past few years. The State Commission regard road building as a business which requires skillful supervision, as much as bridges, railroads or manufacturing.

As we increase our mileage of macadam roads our annual cost of road repairs will proportionately decrease. With us this condition will not be obtained, however, unless greater progress is made than has been in the past few years.

With ordinary travel, we may reasonably expect a macadam road will last twenty-five years. We have quite a number of county ways that should be built by this method. Undoubtedly this is the best adapted to our streets.

In the past year the policy of the road officials has been to do as little on earth roads as possible, or what was absolutely needed on said roads, and necessarily so from the limited appropriations, so that now the department is called upon to make permanent repairs that cannot much longer be postponed. It has been my purpose to make these repairs on county gravelled roads with the least expenditure, in order that more money may be available for what may be considered more permanent work.

It has also been my constant endeavor to look for all causes of road destruction, and as far as possible they have been remedied.

It matters not how well a street may be built or how good the material of which the surface is composed, if it is not properly drained it soon breaks up either by the action of the surface or ground water or by frost. On the other hand a road of poor material may be fairly good if well drained.

Would recommend the drainage of Blake and Charles streets, as that locality is of a very slight grade and should be underdrained.

North Washington street has been widened and rebuilt with macadam, but the delay caused by the street railway moving their track discommoded the road department so they had to expedite their work in order to get it passable before the ground froze. But early this spring it can be completed.

Would recommend macadam for the balance of Washington street; that portion leading from the residence of I. T. Churchill

to Jenkins avenue, which would constitute a permanent improvement for the main street of the town.

Park avenue, the northerly end of Pleasant street, the easterly end of South avenue, should be macadamized, as they are county roads and in very poor condition.

If the town concludes to move the high school building or make any radical change, would advise reserving a right of way leading from South avenue to Whitman avenue, 30 feet in width, to accommodate travel from the northerly end of the town to the factories, electrics and railroad station, which is very important.

In conclusion I desire to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen for their support, which they have so cordially presented to me. Also the citizens of the town for their forbearance in the embarrassment I have instigated by obstructing streets in making repairs.

I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the faithful work of those who have assisted me through the past year.

A. A. HEALY,

Highway Surveyor.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

Appropriation.....	\$9750 00
Expended	9797 50

EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid—

Michael J. Kenneally.....	\$9 25
Dennis Crowley.....	338 75
Patrick Driscoll.....	72 75
Andrew Neville.....	357 00
John A. Burnett.....	325 13
Charles Hayes.....	338 51
James Quinn.....	194 36
Martin Nevins.....	196 75
James Murphy.....	24 75
John O'Hearn.....	336 38
William McGrath.....	344 13
Michael McGrail.....	309 88
Michael Behan.....	316 75
Patrick McCraith.....	336 25
John Mahoney.....	2 50
Sylvester Dagle.....	313 01
F. J. Reilly.....	26 25
Daniel Maloney.....	192 75
Michael Keating.....	320 76
A. A. Healy.....	568 80

Edward H. Randall	\$16 00
Joseph Douart	22 00
Patrick Sullivan	269 75
Fred Smith	34 37
Michael Kenneally	88

\$5267 71

TEAMS.

Paid—

Michal Kenneally	158 23
James English	93 52
Thomas Costello	229 93
E. E. Robbins	40 83
A. L. Vaughan	154 38
Patrick O'Donnell	243 55
James Poole	284 58
John Burke	166 77
Henry D Reed	184 12
Clement Tyler	166 36
E. S. Nutter	14 63
Chester S. Sharpe	45 91
B. F. Churchill	43 47
John Nolan	317 09
Patrick Nolan	182 41
Wilson Sears	34 33
Elmer Benson	80 84
Thomas Lynch	45 70
Charles D. Dyer	48 75
John Savage	77 59
Charles Tyler	19 50

\$2632 49

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Paid—

James English.....	\$114 50
A. L. Vaughan.....	20 38
Joseph Coleman.....	4 50
John Kennedy.....	4 50
William Cherry.....	4 50
Edward Daley.....	4 50
William Devine.....	4 50
William Riley.....	75
Ray Hall.....	4 75
Wilson Sears.....	20 25
William Danforth.....	16 50
Dennis Crowley.....	21 26
Henry D. Reed.....	32 25
Andrew Neville.....	22 50
Thomas Costello.....	8 00
Martin Nevins.....	3 75
Charles Hayes.....	9 75
Patrick Driscoll.....	9 13
John Sullivan.....	6 25
Charles Spooner.....	1 25
J. Mahoney.....	1 25
Everett Fullerton.....	19 25
John Nolan.....	84 00
James Poole.....	72 00
Michael Keating.....	14 25
Thomas Downey.....	2 25
E. S. Nutter.....	129 13
George Tyler.....	10 88
James Elliott.....	2 13
Elmer Benson.....	1 38
Frank Lawson.....	2 00
J. D. Jenkins.....	2 13
Paul White.....	1 00

Robert Dickie.....	\$1 25
A. A. Healy.....	81 00
Amos Brine.....	1 25
Michael J. Kenneally.....	5 00
Carl Cady.....	75
James Smith.....	2 25
James Quinn.....	1 75
Thomas Lynch.....	17 75
George Peck.....	1 00
William McGrath.....	50
John Ford.....	50
Howard Gurney.....	50
John Hines.....	1 25
Charles D. Dyer.....	2 75
Davis Turner.....	2 50
George Faunce.....	75
Daniel Holt.....	50
J. S. Coombs.....	2 25
Whitman Carriage Co.....	97 05
E. C. Howard.....	1 00
J. R. Connell.....	1 75
John Burke.....	14 00
John Monegan.....	6 50
John Riley.....	5 00
John Monegan, Jr.....	5 75
Isaac Smith.....	50
Patrick Sullivan.....	14 25
E. E. Robbins.....	39 89
Michael Kenneally.....	93 00
John Kenneally.....	1 25
Reuben Willis.....	75
B. T. Keene.....	11 25
T. S. W. Keene.....	3 50
Richard S. Lombard.....	1 25
Samuel Hutchinson.....	3 88

Patrick Gullivan.....	\$9 63
J. Mulligan.....	2 88
Albert Horte.....	2 88
Charles Tyler.....	65 63
John Coyne.....	3 25
Ernest Cameron.....	75
Michael Maloney.....	8 50
Henry Sampson.....	6 50
Henry Lovell.....	1 25
Walter Lovell.....	2 00
James Penpraise.....	1 25
Paul Vigneaux.....	75
Charles Conant.....	21 40
B. F. Churchill.....	48 25

\$1254 41

INCIDENTALS.

Charles P. Slack, pickets.....	15 00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. freight.....	24 60
Pratt Foundry Co., supplies.....	48 00
Morss & Whyte, supplies.....	5 54
James Russell Boiler Works Co., supplies.....	109 12
Barbour-Stockwell Co., supplies.....	15 00
Waldo Brothers, supplies.....	15 50
Farrell Foundry & Machine Co., shaft.....	37 50
Randall W. Cook, coal.....	28 36
Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co., ashes.....	8 19
So. Mass. Tel. Co.....	2 80
A. A. Healy, sign-posts.....	19 50
D. B. Gurney, ashes.....	3 08
F. P. Smith, labor.....	15 00
Town of Whitman, water.....	3 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., crusher oil.....	17 67
J. M. Penniman, stock and express.....	5 50
Walter Pearson, stock and labor.....	11 35

A. F. Dyer, wheel rims for scraper.....	\$6 00
Taylor Iron & Steel Co., sta. jaw plate.....	44 40
J. D. Benson, labor.....	2 25
Whitman Carriage Co., supplies and labor.....	20 26
L. C. Hall, labor.....	12 50
E. E. Bassett, supplies and labor.....	5 17
Whitman Hardware Co.....	7 91
Andrew H. Peterson, labor and supplies.....	4 00
E. C. Howard, supplies.....	12 56

\$499 76

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. M. Penniman, supplies and express.....	\$14 84
Randall W. Cook, supplies.....	274 78
Andrew H. Peterson, labor and stock.....	220 74
1 6-in Stillson wrench.....	80
Charles Conant, labor and stock.....	112 30
Farrell Foundry & Machine Co., supplies.....	61 03
Fred P. Smith, labor.....	38 75
Hinds & Coon, hub axle grease.....	2 00
Pratt Foundry Co., catch basin.....	11 00
Josiah P. Dunbar, care of lanterns.....	5 25
A. F. Dyer, skids and axe-handle.....	2 90
Arthur Maglathlin, labor and stock.....	8 65
Albert Faunce, labor and stock.....	60 97
Town of Whitman, water.....	3 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., stone pickers.....	3 00
Whitman Moulding Co., stock.....	2 20
Charles P. Slack, pine wood.....	38 60
Lewis T. Adams, repairs on steam-roller.....	1 00
M. N. Cartier & Sons, stock.....	37 04
Walter Pearson, labor and stock.....	1 48
William Ripley, care of drains.....	9 00
Barbour & Stockwell Co., ring and cover.....	5 50
E. C. Howard, supplies.....	67 87

George H. Pearson, labor.....	\$3 50
Ames Plow Co., road rubbish barrels, etc.....	11 20
L. C. Hall, labor	111 90
Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co., ashes.....	4 13
Thomas Coyne, flagman.....	1 50
C. B. Snow, services.....	1 00
J. Lewis Reed, lighting lanterns	7 00
C. H. Tyler, lighting lanterns	3 25
David Quinlan, labor	2 00
A. R. Warfield, filling.....	9 04
J. C. Gilbert, supplies.....	29 67
Goodwin & Co., repairing sprinkler.....	50
1 8-in. Stillson wrench.....	80
Morss & Whyte, sand screens.....	13 00
So. Mass. Tel. Co.....	50
M. N. Cartier & Sons Co., tar.....	210 00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.....	5 40
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	\$1397 09

Paid—

Labor and Teaming.....	\$7900 20
Snow Account.....	1254 41
Incidentals.....	499 76
Miscellaneous Expenditures.....	1397 09
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	\$11,051 46

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS.

Appropriation	\$5000 00
Expended	4871 80
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Unexpended	128 20

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Expended.....	1002 94
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	\$2 94

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended	499 76
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Unexpended	24

REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation	\$1500 00
Expended	1254 41
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Unexpended	\$245 59

CONCRETE.

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Expended	\$1000 00

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET.

Appropriation	\$1500 00
Expended	\$1500 00

BEULAH STREET.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended	\$400 00

WASHINGTON STREET DRAIN.

Appropriation	\$350 00
On hand, 12-in. pipe	146 70
On hand, one grate and frame	12 50
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Total	\$509 20
Expended	522 55
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Excess	\$13 35

SUMMARY.

	Appr.	Expend.	Un-ex.	Excess	Stock on hand
Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	\$5,000 00	\$4,871 80	\$128 20		
Sidewalks	1,000 00	1,002 94		\$2 94	
Incidentals.....	500 00	499 76	24		
Removing Snow...	1,500 00	1,254 41	245 59		
Concrete	1,000 00	1,000 00			
N. Washington St.,	1,500 00	1,500 00			
Beulah Street.....	400 00	400 00			
Washington Street Drain	350 00	522 55		13 35	\$159 20
	<u>\$11,250 00</u>	<u>\$11,051 46</u>	<u>\$374 03</u>	<u>\$16 29</u>	<u>\$159 20</u>
Stock on hand.....	159 20	Un-ex 374 03			
	<u>\$11,409 20</u>	<u>\$11,425 49</u>			
Excess		16 29			
		<u>\$11,409 20</u>			

RECAPITULATION.

From Town Treasurer	\$11,250 00
Stock on hand.....	159 20
	<u>\$11,409 20</u>

EXPENDED.

Pay Roll	\$7900 20
Removing Snow.....	1254 41
Incidentals	499 76
Miscellaneous	1397 09
On hand	374 03
	<u>\$11,425 49</u>
Excess	\$16 29
	<u>\$11,409 20</u>

ESTIMATES FOR 1905.

Highways, Bridges and Drains, in addition to Excise Tax.....	\$5000 00
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Sidewalks	\$1000 00
Incidentals	500 00
Removing Snow.....	500 00

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, } Auditors.
BELA ALDEN, }

Jan. 26, 1905.

REPORT OF STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

Appropriation	\$4100 00
Paid Whitman Light & Power Co. for lighting streets:	
January	\$340 41
February	340 41
March.....	340 41
April	340 41
May	340 41
June	342 50
July	342 50
August.....	342 50
September.....	342 50
October.....	342 50
November	342 50
December	342 50
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	\$4099 55
Unexpended balance.....	45
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	\$4100 00

Two additional lights have been put in this year, making the total number of incandescent lights 156 ; arc lights, 27.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE J. MALONEY,	} Committee.
J. C. GILBERT,	
C. D. DYER.	

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	} Auditors.
BELA ALDEN;	

Jan. 26, 1905

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Through the generosity of the town in appropriating \$1500 at the last annual meeting we were enabled to abate the nuisance which had previously existed in the condition of the park pond, and now it is not only healthful but is a safe place for children both in summer and winter. The work was done according to the plans adopted by the town, which necessitated the removal of sufficient mud to allow for the filling in of one foot of sand to make a clean, permanent bottom and give the fourteen inches of water required. This leaves the same surface water level as in the old pond. The catch basins were also constructed at the inlet and outlet of the pond, and the large pipe which formerly emptied into the pond was connected with the drain under Park avenue. The new outlet pipe was laid across the lawns to the lower pools. By this arrangement of inlet the storm water, which formerly carried so much filth into the pond, is almost entirely excluded and by the arrangement of the outlet the water in the pond is at all times under perfect control.

The Commissioners were extremely fortunate in securing the services of Charles D. Dyer to superintend the work, whose ability and skill in this line is well known. And we cannot speak too highly of the manner in which he carried out the plan.

All the work on the pond has been completed and the walks and grading around the pond partially constructed. The greater portion of the mud taken from the pond was spread on that part of the grounds which seemed most in

need of fertilizer. Trees which had died were replaced and several new ones set out, and the walks and lawns have been cared for as usual.

The Commissioners wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the gift of the famed Lifting Stone, by Marshall Reed, administrator of the estate of the late Spencer Vining, and Benjamin F. Wright. This stone was found when the cellar of the house on Washington street, now occupied by Mrs. Susan A. H. Vining, was dug in 1851. It was for many years in front of the old Postoffice on the West side of Washington street and was famous on account of its nearly spherical shape, and the difficulty, owing to this shape, with which it was lifted. Competitors in attempts to lift this stone came from far and near. The stone is about fifteen inches in diameter, and weighs two hundred fifteen pounds. It has been placed on one of the lawns.

Your Commissioners recommend that the walks and grading around the pond be completed and the work of draining and grading the east end of the park bordering Whitman avenue be begun, as this is now the most unsightly part of the park. This tract calls for the setting out of quite a number of trees, which should be planted as soon as possible so that their growth may be uniform with that of other trees on the park.

A. H. BRIGHAM,	}	Park Commissioners.
W. E. TRUFANT,		
A. A. MacKEEN,		

FINANCIAL REPORT.

George Tyler, labor.....	\$122 75
Patrick Considine, labor.....	32 00
John Mahoney, labor.....	86 25
William Work, labor.....	63 75
William MacGilvary, labor.....	84 00
Thomas Lyons, labor.....	70 50
John Monegan, labor.....	63 75
C. B. Cole, labor.....	110 90
C. B. Dyer, labor.....	96 28
E. E. Robbins, labor.....	20 31
John Burke, labor.....	69 46
N. Barnard, labor.....	39 00
Con. Lyons, labor.....	5 25
James English, labor.....	53 42
John Nolan, labor.....	52 81
John Reily, labor.....	41 25
John A' Hearn, labor.....	63
Carl Smith, labor.....	3 50
Frank Lawson, labor.....	1 50
John Coughlin, labor.....	22 75
Patrick Nolan, labor.....	13 00
T. S. W. Keene, labor.....	26 00
William Litchfield, labor.....	8 00
Charles D. Dyer, superintendent.....	110 47
Ward & Co., supplies.....	45
Clark Bros., supplies.....	2 20
N.-Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight.....	1 09
E. C. Howard, supplies.....	187 16
W. H. Wyman, trees.....	4 50
Hayward Bros., surveying.....	15 40
L. T. Adams, work.....	2 00
A. A. MacKeen, supplies.....	1 40
A. H. Peterson, mason work.....	77 52

Washburn & Davie, supplies.....	\$17 63
Goodwin & Co., pipe.....	3 90
Thos. Hoey Mfg. Co.....	15 75
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	\$1526 53
Appropriation.....	\$1500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$26 5

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN } Auditors.

Jan. 24, 1905.

WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The customary appropriation of \$1800 granted at the last annual town meeting made it possible to buy more new books than last year, and to satisfy to a greater degree the constant demand for new books. Each succeeding year, however, more money has to be used for replacing and re-binding worn out books; consequently the amount that can be used for buying new books is lessened. A new card catalogue case and a consulting table have been purchased this year, the cabinet in use up to this time being too small for the needs of the library. In a library of this size the card catalogue is the only one that can be used advantageously. As the patrons become more accustomed to it they readily see its advantage over any printed catalogue that could be provided. The Trustees intend, however, if the funds will permit, to print for home use each year a list of the books added that year. It is probable that no library of its size and value in this vicinity is as poorly housed as is this library. It is hoped that some efforts will be made in the near future to secure better accommodations. In more suitable quarters both the Library and Reading Room would more effectually do the work for which they are maintained. An appropriation of \$1800 is recommended for the next year.

D. A. PARTRIDGE;
L. B. BOSWORTH,
EUGENIA F. LOVELL.
E. J. GAFFNEY,
GEORGE A. DORR,
F. J. HANLEY,

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Number of books in the Library exclusive of reports and donations, 11,822.

The following donations have been received:

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Hatch Experiment Station.

Bulletin Nos. 98 and 99, of the Hatch Experiment Station.

Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1901, 1902, 1903.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Parts I, II, Vol. I.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Index to the Literature of the Thorium.

Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Quarterly Issue.

The 1900 Solar Eclipse Expedition of the Smithsonian Institution.

A Comparison of the Features of the Sun and Moon.

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge and other miscellaneous collections.

Annual Report of the U. S. Department of the Interior, Vol. II.

Sixty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education.

Addresses and Proceedings of the National Educational Association at Boston, 1903.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Select Bibliography of Chemistry.

Mass. Public Documents, Vols. 4, 11, 12.

Catalogue of Special Reports and Papers Obtained in the Mass. Public Documents, 1900, 1901.

Journal of the Senate, 1904.

Journal of the House of Representatives, 1904.

Acts and Resolves of Mass., 1904.

Manual for the General Court, 1904.

Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Vol. XII, Pea—Raz.

Mass. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Register of Mass. Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Expenditures, also County Commissioners' Report of Plymouth County, from Mr. Albert Davis.

Fifty-Sixth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Mass. School for the Feeble-Minded at Waltham.

Report of Certain Charitable Corporations from the Twenty-Fifth Annual Report of the State Board of Charity.

Report of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration, 1904.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of Public Reservations, 1903.

First Regiment of Infantry, Mass. Volunteer Militia.

Third Mass. Cavalry, War for the Union.

Commemoration of the Founding of the House of Chickering & Sons.

History of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society, 1904.

Twenty-Second Annual Report of Trustees of the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, Mass.

Texas Almanac and Industrial Guide, 1904.

Researches on the Attainment of Very Low Temperatures, Part I.

List of References on Federal Control of Commerce and Corporations.

Select List of References on Impeachment. (Library of Congress.)

Papers of James Monroe, (Library of Congress.)

Check-List of Foreign Newspapers, 1904, (Library of Congress.)

History of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Book—Testimony of Reason, from Samuel L. Phillips, author and donor.

Book—Trial of John C. Best for Murder.

Book—Equestrian Statue of Major-Gen. Joseph Hooker.

Book—State of Missouri, (from World's Fair Commission).

Mass. Vital Record of Arlington, Bellingham, Chilmark, Gill, Great Barrington, Holden, Manchester, Marblehead, Middleton, New Braintree, Petersham, Shrewsbury, Upton, Waltham, Washington.

LIBRARY REPORTS—CATALOGUES.

Report of the Librarian of the Library of Congress.

Report of the Librarian of the State Library.

Fifty-Second Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.

Report of the Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations of the New York Public Library, 1904.

Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Brockton, 1903.

Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Chelsea.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Tufts Library of Weymouth.

Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Public Library of the Town of Athol, 1903-4.

Catalogue of Brown University.

Bulletin of Mass. Institute of Technology, Catalogue 1904.

Bulletin of the Tabor Academy of Marion, Mass.

The Printing Art, Illustrated Catalogue.

Periodicals—Woman's Journal, (from the publishers); Christian Register and Cheerful Letter, (from the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church, Whitman, Mass.)

STATISTICS OF CIRCULATION.

History	480
Science	296
Sociology	50
Poetry and Drama	187
Religion	70
Travel and Description	150
Periodicals	1125
Arts	47
Biography	275
Adult Fiction	17,204
Juvenile Fiction	8771
Literature	275
Sports and Amusements	30
Education	49

Reference	75
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Total circulation	29,084
Largest weekly circulation	899
Smallest weekly circulation.....	456
Largest number of volumes given out in one day..	273
Number of cards given out since last report.....	270
Total number of cards given out	6968

Respectfully,

E. S. SPILSTED, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EDWARD J. GAFFNEY, Treasurer,

In account with WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 27, 1904	\$3 21
Received from Town Treasurer	1800 00
Received from Librarian, fines and sales of cat- alogues	106 00
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	\$1909 21
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Paid—

Miss E. S. Spilsted, librarian.....	\$450 00
Miss Lucy Osborne, assistant librarian.....	208 00
W. W. Livingstone, work at library.....	32 00
Ward & Co., magazines.....	70 45
J. M. Penniman, express.....	14 00
Fred Stebbins, electric lamps.....	3 64
Whitman Light & Power Co., lighting.....	95 25
Joseph Murphy, wood and coal.....	68 10
J. F. Barnard & Co., rebinding books.....	85 82
C. F. Reed, postal cards.....	1 00
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal.....	8 50
Fred Gurney, carpet.....	23 20
H. B. Harding, printing.....	11 50
C. F. Allen, insurance.....	50 59
Geo. D. Soule, insurance.....	71 65

Chas. E. Lauriat Co., books.....	358 12
S. Ward & Co., rubber stamp.....	95
Mass. Library Art Club, membership dues.....	5 00
Library Bureau, cards.....	9 00
Albert Davis, rent.....	250 00
M. P. O'Connor, table, chairs and repairing chairs	26 65
Macey, Wernicke Co., card cabinet and cards...	62 20
Cash on hand Jan. 27, 1905.....	3 59
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	\$1909 21

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

January 27, 1905.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Whitman, Mass., Jan. 1, 1905.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF
WHITMAN:

GENTLEMEN—In behalf of the Board of Fire Engineers I hereby submit this, our annual report of the condition and operation of the department during the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition. It consists of one hook and ladder truck, one hose reel and two hose wagons.

HOSE AND HOUSES.

We have about five thousand feet of woven cotton hose, rubber lined, in good condition. The houses are in good condition, with the exception of the house at East Whitman, which is in a bad state of repair. We think it would be well to look the ground over carefully with the idea of erecting a new house upon a new site in the near future.

DEPARTMENT.

There are in this department sixty-six men, who responded to seventeen bell and six still alarms, and are always ready to perform their duties.

FIRE AND INSURANCE.

We have had seventeen bell and six still alarms in the past year. We have used ten thousand, three hundred and fifty feet of hose, twenty-four gallons of chemical and one thousand, one hundred and thirty-seven feet of ladder at the same. A complete and accurate statement of losses by fire and amount of insurance, also date, location and origin of the same, can be found in a tabular statement accompanying this report.

HYDRANTS.

The hydrants are in good condition. There are one hundred and fifty-six hydrants, twelve of which are private. There have been seven hydrants set in the past year.

FIRE ALARM.

The fire alarm is in good condition. We have nearly completed a new system which puts the line in four loops. One loop for each of the three districts and one loop for box 125 and the bell, so that in case of a break in either of the districts the rest of the town will still be under fire protection. The system consists of sixteen miles of wire, one whistle machine, two bell machine, twenty-five street boxes, and tappers in the engineers' and drivers' houses. In last year's report we spoke of a storage battery which we wished to buy this year, and have asked for an appropriation for the same.

Respectfully submitted,
F. M. DAVIS,
Chief of Whitman Fire Department.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF ENGINEERS, WHITMAN FIRE
DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen.....	\$5828 58
Cash paid—	
Water Commissioners for use of 139 hydrants at \$20 each, from Jan. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905	\$2780 00
Water Commissioners for use of water in hose houses 2 and 3, from Jan. 1, 1904 to July 1, 1904 at \$3.00.....	6 00
Water Commissioners for use of water in Cen- tral Fire Station.....	7 56
Members of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1905.....	180 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1905.....	285 84
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1905.....	189 57
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1905.....	189 15
Members of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, actual duty	197 70
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, actual duty.....	251 20
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, actual duty	109 70
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, actual duty.....	109 20
F. M. Davis, actual duty.....	16 10
Charles Conant, actual duty.....	21 60
E. S. Nutter, actual duty.....	11 60
V. D. Lincoln, actual duty.....	11 60

A. D. Wheeler, to six months' rent of storage battery to Dec. 1, 1903.....	\$50 00
C. L. Redding, to care of fire alarm from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1.....	10 42
R. W. Cook, supplies for Hose Co. No. 3.....	1 63
H. H. Hovey, sulphuric acid, etc.....	1 20
H. S. Triggs, labor on Hose 2.....	5 20
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal for Central Fire Station	68 87
C. L. Redding, to general care of alarm from Feb. 1 to March 1. Extra labor on line with help.....	15 42
Walter W. Josselyn, 1-2 cd. of oak, 2 ft. of pine	5 00
E. C. Howard, glass, sponges, wicks, etc.....	1 10
A. L. Faunce, to lock and labor	1 85
E. S. Nutter, 2 feet of hard, 2 feet of pine	3 13
E. C. Howard, chain, springs, coal, etc., for Central Fire Station.....	30 86
C. L. Redding, to general care of alarm from March 1 to April 1	10 42
Pettingill-Andrews Co., wire, cross arms, glass, etc., for new fire alarm box	17 03
H. B. Harding, pay-rolls, blocks, letter-heads...	6 50
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal for Hose 1, 2 and 3.....	14 99
C. L. Redding, labor on fire alarm box.....	8 50
S. B. Dyer, labor on fire alarm box	1 75
S. B. Dyer, installing tapper, setting glass.....	1 70
J. M. Penniman, express charges.....	1 13
M. H. Crowley, bell.....	2 00
J. M. Penniman, express charges	80
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., 4 rubber Coats for Hose Co. No. 1.....	16 00
W. E. Decrow, new fire alarm box No. 135 ...	52 50
E. C. Howard, glass, paints, putty, lag screws, etc	1 23

R. F. Allen, repairs on whistle and gong on H. & L. truck, electric lamps, 1 set of magnets	\$16 75
Pettingill-Andrews Co.....	7 17
V. D. Lincoln, F. M. Davis, expenses to Boston in interest of department	7 00
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from April 1 to May 1	10 42
Ward & Co., 1 box envelopes	75
R. F. Allen, electric lamps and repairing boxes and indicator	9 50
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from May 1 to June 1; extra labor on line with help ..	19 42
A. D. Wheeler, six months' rent of storage bat- tery to June 1	50 00
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., one thousand . feet of Boston single hose, coupled, at .50 per ft	500 00
S. B. Dyer, labor on line with team	4 15
L. A. Goy, repairing coats for Hose 3	1 00
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from June 1 to July; extra labor on line with help.....	20 67
F. M. Davis, postage and book	90
J. M. Penniman, express charges	1 48
G. H. Walker, box soap, repairing harness	1 15
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from July 1 to Aug 1; extra labor on line with help...	15 47
E. C. Howard, screen sticks, wire cloth, 50 ft. of cotton hose, nozzle, etc	7 78
C. W. H. Moulton, two 20 ft. roof ladders....	14 00
J. T. Kenney, coffee, sandwiches	8 50
R. F. Allen, porcelain tubes, wire and labor....	16 33
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., repairing shut-off nozzle.....	2 50
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from Aug. 1 to September 1; extra labor on line with help	16 07

Douglass & Hall, glasses for fire alarm boxes, oil and paint, painting ladder	\$2 20
Charles Conant, brake-iron, iron rods, setting tires, repairs on hose wagon No. 1, teams, etc.	18 20
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1; extra help on line with team....	25 22
J. M. Penniman, express charges	65
E. C. Howard, spikes, lag-screws, etc.....	23
Pettingill-Andrews Co., cross arms, insulators, pins, galvanized iron wire, etc.....	16 70
S. B. Dyer, labor,	6 75
Eagle Oil Supply Co., 1 gallon solarine.....	1 50
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., 6 flint glass globes.....	1 50
F. M. Davis, general care of alarm from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1; extra help on line	20 17
Walter W. Josselyn, 1-2 cord pine wood.....	2 75
E. R. Powers, repairing coats for Hose 2.....	2 00
H. S. West, straps, 1 set traces, halters, etc....	20 45
E. C. Howard, lag-screws, bolts, washers, etc..	1 32
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1; extra help on line.....	17 17
Geo. A. Clift, supplies for Central Fire Station.	8 23
E. C. Howard, screen door, hinges, handle	1 48
S. B. Dyer, labor on line	4 75
E. C. Howard, axe, handle, lag-screws, glass, putty, etc.....	3 53
H. H. Hovey, acid, distilled water.....	65
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal for Central Fire Station.....	37 50
D. B. Gurney Hose No. 1, repairing coats.....	3 50
F. M. Davis, general care alarm from Dec. 1 to Jan. 1; extra help on line.....	12 07
Thomas F. Lynch, 1-2 cord pine wood for Hose 3	2 75
J. C. Gilbert, 1-2 gallon paint.....	75

R. F. Allen, repairing whistle valve and chuck bell machine, 1 four-circuit switch-board ..	\$37 25
Whitman Moulding Co., lumber	75
C. P. Slack, 1-2 cord pine wood for Central Fire Station	2 75
Whitman Light & Power Co., for electric lights in Central Fire Station from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1904.....	90 40
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric lights in Central Fire Station from Aug. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905	43 34
Whitman Light & Power Co., for electric lights in Hose House No. 3, from Jan. 1, to Aug. 1, 1904.....	7 84
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., for electric lights in Hose House No. 3, from Aug. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905.....	7 17
Total amount of cash paid	<u>\$5828 58</u>
Appropriation for 1904.....	<u>\$5335 00</u>
Amount of orders drawn	5828 58
Excess	<u>\$493 58</u>

SUMMARY.

Appropriation for use of hydrants.....	\$2750 00
Paid for same.....	2750 00
Appropriation for pay of firemen and running expenses of the Department.....	\$1970 00
Paid for same	2466 43
Excess of appropriation.....	<u>\$496 43</u>
Appropriation for New Hose.....	<u>\$500 00</u>
Paid for same.....	<u>500 00</u>

Appropriation for New Fire Alarm Box.....	\$85 00
Paid for same.....	82 15
Unexpended	<u>\$2 85</u>
Appropriation for 1904.....	\$5335 00
Paid for same.....	5828 58
Excess of appropriation.....	<u>\$493 58</u>

F. M. DAVIS,

Clerk of Whitman Fire Department.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Jan. 31, 1905.

VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY USED AND
IN CHARGE OF THE WHITMAN
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

House and lot, including furniture and equip- ments, on Temple street.....	\$16,000 00
House and lot, including furniture and equip- ments on Auburn street.....	2844 00
House and lot, including furniture and equip- ments, on South avenue.....	2768 00
Engineers' Department.....	380 00
Total.....	<u>\$21,992 00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR 1905.

Estimated expense of the Whitman Fire Department for the
year 1905 :

Use of 144 hydrants at \$20 each.....	\$2880 00
Pay of firemen—	
Sixty-six men at \$10 each.....	660 00
Four clerks at \$10 each.....	40 00
Two stewards at \$25 each.....	50 00
One steward at \$120.....	120 00
Actual duty at 50 cents per hour.....	300 00
Incidentals	900 00
Storage Battery.....	500 00
Total.....	<u>\$5450 00</u>

ROLL OF THE WHITMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

CHIEF ENGINEER,

F. M. Davis.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS,

Charles Conant,

E. S. Nutter.

CLERK,

F. M. Davis.

C. F. ALLEN HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

OFFICERS ;

F. R. McCallum, Capt.

Fred Cushing, First Lieut.

R. McCallum, Second Lieut.

C. A. Brigham, Third Lieut.

C. A. Brigham, Clerk.

L. Faunce, Treasurer.

Sixteen members and two horses.

D. B. GURNEY HOSE CO. NO. 1.

OFFICERS :

S. H. Staples, Capt.

W. H. Ladd, First Lieut.

A. W. Lovell, Second Lieut.

F. M. Penniman, Clerk-Treas.

C. W. West, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

AUBURNVILLE HOSE CO. NO. 2.

OFFICERS :

C. B. Peterson, Capt.

J. C. Bryant, First Lieut. E. R. Powers, Second Lieut.

O. C. Belknap, Clerk-Treas. E. R. Powers, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

EAST END HOSE CO. NO. 3.

OFFICERS :

E. C. Taft, Capt.

J. C. Elliott, First Lieut. S. B. Dyer, Second Lieut.

Charles Wyman, Clerk-Treas. F. Adams, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE YEAR 1904.

DATE.	TIME.	KIND OF BUILDING.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	ORIGIN OF FIRE.	LOSS ON BUILDING.	INSURANCE PAID.	LOSS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.	INSURANCE PAID.
Jan. 2,*	6.30 P. M.	Wood	Charles Conant	Set from Boiler	None	None.	None	None
Jan. 27,	10.55 A. M.	Wood	Geo. H. Pearson	Overheat. stove	\$107.00	\$107.00	\$282.30	\$282.30
Feb. 8,*	7.30 A. M.	Wood	John Biekford	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None
Feb. 10,	11.40 A. M.	Wood	D. B. Gurney	Sparks from chimney	\$81.00	\$81.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Feb. 25,	9.15 P. M.	Wood	Thomas Winnet	Overheat. Stove	435.00	435.00	176.05	176.05
April 5,	3.45 P. M.			Grass fire				
April 6,	7.45 P. M.	Wood	Mary Sullivan	Carelessness with matches	659.00	600.00	None	None
April 6,	9.00 P. M.	Wood	Newman Clark	Carelessness with matches	18.10	18.10	None	None
April 23,	6.45 A. M.	Wood	Fred Harrub	Overheat. chim.	50.00	50.00	None.	None.
May 27,	2.15 P. M.	Wood	C. S. & L. Co.	Lightning.	50.00	None	None.	None.
June 17,	10.15 A. M.	Wood	L. B. Hatch	Sparks from chimney	143.00	\$143.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
July 4,	3.30 P. M.	Wood	W. A. Damon	Fire Crackers	None.	None	None	None
July 4,	7.25 P. M.	Wood	Thos. Whelan	Soot in chimney.	\$500.00	\$500.00	None	None.
Aug. 29,	11.35 P. M.	Wood	Kate Rice	Unknown.	4925.00	4000.00	\$8000.00	\$8000.00
Aug. 29,	11.35 P. M.	Wood	E. F. Keene	Caught from ad-joining factory.	473.54	473.54	\$70.25	\$70.25
Sept. 24,*	3.05 P. M.	Wood	F. S. Smith	Soot in chimney.	None.	None.	None	None
Oct. 31,*	10.45 A. M.	Wood	H. C. Cleveland.	Soot in chimney.	None.	None.	None	None
Nov. 12,	9.55 A. M.	Wood	Charles Conant	Child'n-matches	None.	None.	\$12.60	None
Nov. 27	11.05 A. M.	Wood	J. E. Biekford	Ashes in barrel	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$31.25	\$31.25
Dec. 1,*	9.45 P. M.	Wood	Unknown	Soot in chimney.	None.	None.	None	None
Dec. 2,*	8.00 A. M.	Wood	A. Porter	Soot in chimney.	None.	None.	None	None
Dec. 15,	12.55 P. M.	Wood	C. S. & L. Co.	Sparks f'm pipe	125.00	125.00	25.00	25.00
Dec. 16,*	2.00 P. M.	Wood	Douglass & Hall	Overheat. stove	None.	None.	None	None

*Still Alarms.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN
OF WHITMAN :

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Forest Fire Wards hereby submit the seventeenth annual report of the department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904. You will find annexed a statement of the receipts and expenditures, together with a record of the fires which occurred during the past year, their causes, amount of loss and insurance as nearly as could be ascertained. The amount of forest fires has been exceedingly small during the past year.

Yours respectfully,

F. M. DAVIS,

Chief of Forest Fire Wards.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF FOREST FIRE WARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen.....	\$34 00
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Cash paid—	
Members of H. & L. Co., No. 1, 11 hours at .50	\$5 50
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, 10 hours at .50..	5 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, 15 hours at .50...	7 50
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, 24 hours at .50...	12 00
V. D. Lincoln, 2 hours at .50	1 00
F. M. Davis, 2 hours at .50	1 00
Charles Conant, 4 hours at 50	2 00
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	\$34 00

No appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. DAVIS,

Clerk of Forest Fire Wards.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	} Auditors.
BELA ALDEN,	

Jan. 31, 1905

LIST OF FOREST FIRES DURING THE YEAR 1904.

DATE.	LOCATION.	OWNER.	VALUE OF.	DAMAGE TO.	INSURANCE UPON.	INSURANCE PAID.
April 5,	North of Commercial St.	Vining Estate.	\$300 00	None.	None.	None.
April 5,	West of Harvard Street.	C. E. Sharpe.	150 00	None.	None.	None.
May 23.	East of Washington Street.	Fullerton Estate.	500 00	None.	None.	None.
June 24.	South of Essex Street.	Atwood Bros.	100 00	None.	None.	None.
Oct. 5,	West of Bedford Street.	Abington & Whitman Ice Co.	300 00	None.	None.	None.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
WHITMAN FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

Cash on deposit, Jan. 1, 1904.....	\$1353 84
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1904.....	51 50
Cash received from Clerk of Association.....	25 00
Cash received for interest on deposit, W. S. B..	42 68
Cash received for interest on deposit, A. S. B. .	5 82
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Total	\$1478 84
Cash paid—	
A. H. Peterson, sick benefit.....	33 00
E. S. Nutter, anniversary exercises.....	20 89
J. C. Bryant, sick benefit.....	6 00
Cash on deposit Dec. 31, 1904, W. S. B	1251 71
Cash on deposit Dec. 31, 1904, A. S. B.....	150 63
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1904	16 61
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Total	\$1478 84
Cash on deposit Dec. 31, 1904.....	1402 34

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CHAMBERLAIN,

Treasurer of Firemen's Relief Association.

Jan. 18, 1905.

^ We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and properly vouched for.

A. D. B. BUTLER, }
C. F. BOURNE, } Auditors.

TOWN OF WHITMAN.

WATER DEPARTMENT, 1904.

Water Commissioners,

E. C. HOWARD,

J. C. GILBERT,

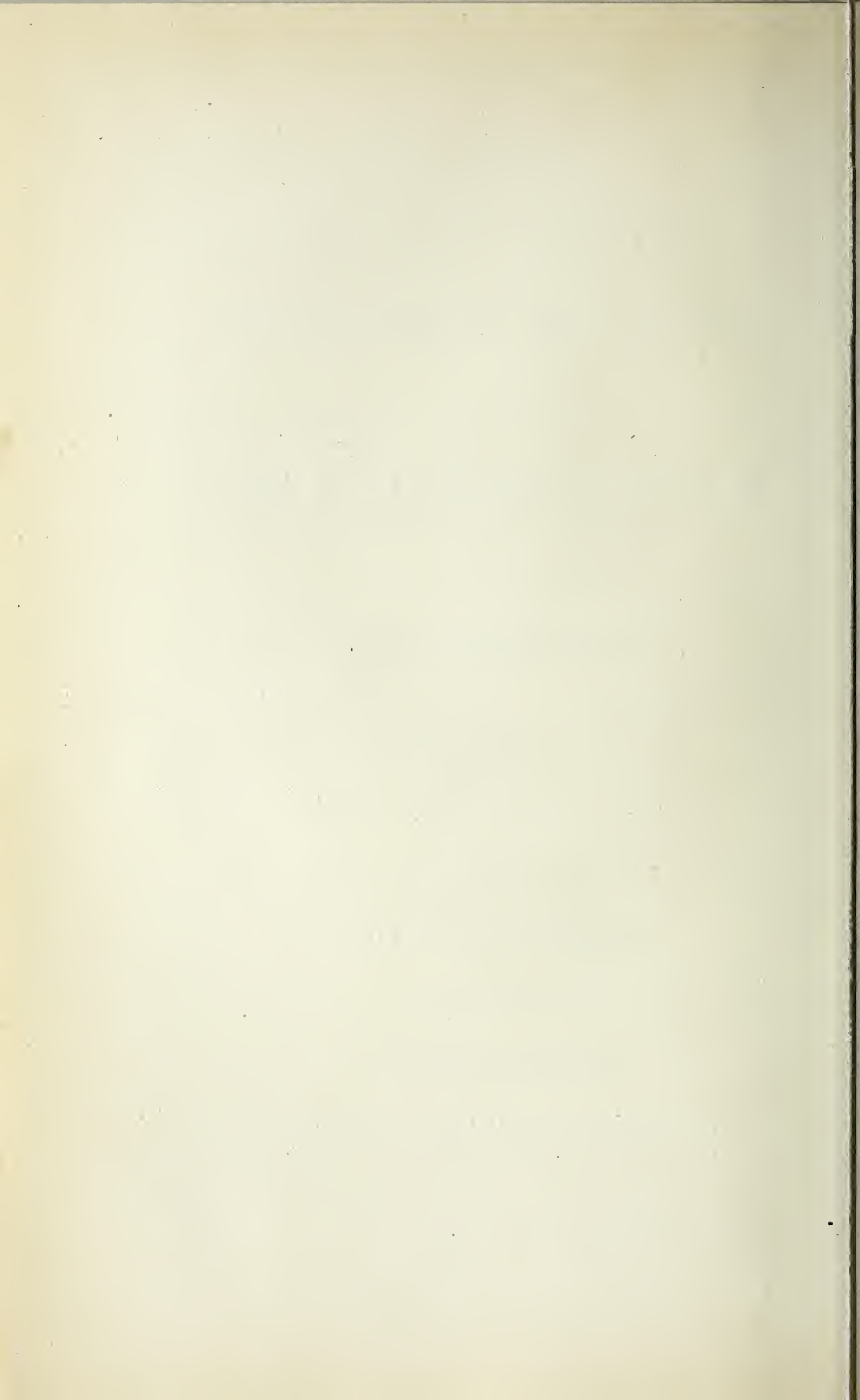
A. R. McCALLUM.

Superintendent,

ANDREW R. McCALLUM.

Pumping Station,

MYRICK J. BRIGGS, ENGINEER.



WATER DEPARTMENT.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Water Commissioners herewith present their report for the year 1904, giving an account of the work done in the Water Department and the financial standing of the same.

Immediately after the town meeting held in May, when the town voted to connect with the Silver Lake system, the Board proceeded to make preparations for the purchase of pipe and doing the work. Although we were handicapped by not getting the pipe as early as expected, yet with the exception of about two hundred feet, the job was completed and Silver Lake water let into our system, Jan. 2, 1905. The water is taken through a sixteen-inch pipe, connected with the Brockton main near the J. E. Andrews place, and running through Bedford as far as Auburnville, then continuing through Bedford to Glen with a fourteen-inch, and through Glen to East avenue with a twelve inch. A ten-inch pipe has also been laid from the Auburnville Pump to School street and connected with the Auburn and School street lines.

All of the smaller pipes laid on streets leading into, or crossing a street through which the large main was laid, were connected with this main, giving a better distribution of the water and to improve the fire service. The cost of this line and connections was about \$15,500.00. Our fire service has been very much improved by this new supply, as we have from ten to fifteen pounds more pressure at all times, both day and night, than we had before, and as we have Silver Lake on one side and the Brockton

standpipe and old pumping station on the other, besides our own, it is hardly possible for us to come short of water for domestic or fire purposes, and we take this opportunity to congratulate the citizens that the town of Whitman has now as good a water supply as any town in the State.

The contract with Brockton for furnishing the water was consummated through the selectmen, and although the price of eight cents per thousand gallons was a little above what we anticipated, yet on mature deliberation we think it a fair price.

We congratulate the city of Brockton on the success which has attended the carrying out of this great undertaking, and its Board of Water Commissioners and City Engineer, under whose management the work has been so successfully done. Our dealings with them have been pleasant and we thank all for the courtesy shown us in all our dealings with them in relation to the taking of water from the Brockton main. Especially are we indebted to Mr. C. R. Felton, city engineer, for assistance rendered us in relation to our pipe line.

The amount paid for construction during the year is as follows :

The large main from J. E. Andrews' to East Ave. . .	\$15,500 00
Warren Ave. extension	} 6763 14
Park Av. extension	
Whitman Ave. extension ,	
Crescent Street extension	
Webster Street extension	
Pine Street extension	
Benson Place extension	
Corthell Avenue extension	
Carleton Place extension	} 642 00
Martin Street extension	
Cost of services	372 00
Cost of meters	
	<hr/> \$23,277 14

In accordance with the vote of the town and by an act of the Legislature, water loan bonds to the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) have been issued, dated Sept. 1, 1904, to run twenty years, with interest at 4 per cent. Fifteen thousand of these were taken for our water sinking fund and the other five

sold to the Whitman National Bank, with the understanding that we could have them at any time we wished to take them for a sinking fund investment. The money drawn from the sinking fund to pay for the fifteen thousand bonds was used in the construction of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HOWARD,	}	Water Commissioners.
J. C. GILBERT.		
A. R. McCALLUM,		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE WATER COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith present my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904:

EXTENSIONS.

The mains have been extended as follows:

Bedford Street.....	2537	feet of 16-in pipe
“ “	2772	“ “ 14-in “
Glen Street.....	1386	“ “ 12-in “
East Avenue.....	310	“ “ 12-in “
Auburn Street	810	“ “ 10-in “
Warren Avenue.....	770	“ “ 6-in “
Park Avenue	2300	“ “ 8-in “
Whitman Avenue	770	“ “ 6-in “
Crescent Street.....	120	“ “ 6-in “
“ “	470	“ “ 4-in “
Webster Street	500	“ “ 6-in “
Pine Street.....	1300	“ “ 2-in “
Benson Place.....	140	“ “ 1-in “
Corthell Avenue	378	“ “ 1-in “
Carleton Place	300	“ “ 1-in “
Martin Street.....	187	“ “ 1-in “

HYDRANTS.

Five new hydrants have been set: one near the J. E. Andrews place; two on Bedford street; one on Warren avenue and one on Glen street. Three hydrants on the 16-in pipe have a gate between the hydrant and main.

GATES.

Sixteen new gates have been set during the year:

- 1 14-in. on Bedford Street, at Auburnville.
- 1 12-in. at junction of Glen and Bedford Streets.
- 1 10-in. at Auburnville, near pump.
- 1 8-in. on Beulah at junction of School.
- 1 6-in. at corner of Bedford and Glen.
- 1 6-in. on Dover Street, near Glen.
- 1 6-in. on East Avenue near Temple.
- 1 6-in. on Auburn Street, near Bedford.
- 1 6-in. on Auburn Street, west of Bedford.
- 1 4-in. at blow-off on Bedford Street.
- 1 4-in. at Colebrook Cemetery.
- 1 6-in. on Blake Street.
- 1 8-in. at L. C. Bliss & Co's.
- 3 6-in on hydrants on 16-inch pipe.

SERVICES.

Thirty-five new services have been laid, making a total of 1093.

METERS.

The number of meters now in use is 545.

I again call the attention of those having meters to the necessity of protecting them from frost. If you do not run a furnace it is time well spent to box up your meter with saw-dust or something warmer. It will save you dollars and the water department much trouble.

SCHEDULE OF PIPING, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF FEET LAID TO
JAN. 1, 1905, AND WHERE LOCATED.

STREETS.	Inch 16	Inch 14	Inch 12	Inch 10	Inch 8	Inch 6	Inch 4	Inch 2	Inch 1 1-2	Inch 1	Total
Alden						2020					2020
Auburn				810	135	2331					3276
Bedford	2537	2772				3923					8532
Benson Place										140	140
Beulah				14	2527						2541
Blake						913	28				941
Broad					1892						1892
Carlton Place										300	300
Central Place						416					416
Charles						611					611
Cherry						410					410
Chestnut							509				509
Church Street						400					400
Corthell Avenue										378	378
Cottage							446				446
Court						1105					1105
Crescent						120	470				590
Day							698				698
Dover						773					773
Dyer Avenue						366	532				898
East Avenue			310			565		219			1094
Ellis Avenue						712					712
Elm						167					167
Erin							607				607
Forest						2043					2043
Franklin						2259					2259
Fullerton Avenue						506					506
George							282				282
Glen		1386					48				1434
Gold							550				550
Gurney Place						334					334

Harvard.....	.....	.....	.....	2652	.....	237	2889
Hayden Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	2776	430	.....	430
High.....	.....	.....	.....	286	381	.....	2776
Hobart Square.....	.....	.....	.....	921	.....	.....	667
Jenkins Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	682	.....	.....	921
Laurel.....	.....	.....	.....	345	87	.....	682
Lazell.....	.....	.....	.....	1200	.....	.....	432
Linden.....	.....	.....	.....	567	.....	.....	1200
Marble.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	567
Martin.....	.....	.....	.....	978	.....	187	978
Myrtle Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	3608	.....	.....	187
Park Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	375	.....	.....	3658
Pearl.....	.....	.....	.....	480	.....	167	375
Perry Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1300	.....	647
Pine.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	1300
Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	2852	.....	.....	2863
Plymouth.....	.....	.....	.....	3130	.....	.....	3130
Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	1383	.....	.....	1383
School.....	.....	.....	.....	4230	.....	.....	4230
South Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	352	.....	.....	8138
Star.....	.....	.....	.....	3337	.....	389	389
Stetson.....	.....	.....	.....	1415	.....	.....	1415
Slack Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	384	.....	.....	384
Temple.....	.....	.....	.....	1340	.....	.....	2973
Vernon.....	.....	.....	.....	804	.....	.....	804
Warren Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	2553	35	.....	3141
Washington, North.....	.....	.....	.....	4696	.....	553	7331
Washington, South.....	.....	.....	.....	2366	263	.....	7331
Webster.....	.....	.....	.....	1481	.....	.....	4434
Well.....	.....	.....	.....	1359	.....	.....	1359
West.....	.....	.....	.....	1636	.....	.....	1636
Whidden Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	1168	.....	.....	1604
Whitman Avenue.....	.....	.....	.....	720	.....	.....	720
Wilmot.....	.....	.....	.....	1756	180	.....	1936
Winter.....	.....	.....	.....	1511	.....	.....	427
Piping for Drains, Dun- bar, Hobart & Co's fac- tory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427	.....	1511
Franklin Street and South	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	16

SCHEDULE OF PIPING—(Continued.)

STREETS.	Inch 16	Inch 14	Inch 12	Inch 10	Inch 8	Inch 6	Inch 4	Inch 2	Inch 1 1-2	Inch 1	Total
Avenue.....	35	.....	.....	.....	35
School Street.....	29	.....	.....	.....	29
Temple Street.....	32	.....	.....	.....	32
Piping for Hyd. Branches	1645	.....	.....	.....	.....	1645
Piping for Fire Service,
L. C. Bliss & Co's fac-
tory.....
Brigham's factory.....	360	530	.....	.....	.....	.....	890
Commonwealth factory..	245	.....	.....	.....	.....	245
Dunbar, Hobart & Co's	300	.....	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	1200
factory.....	360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jenkins Bros.' factory..	164	.....	.....	.....	.....	360
Whicher factory.....	38	.....	.....	.....	38
Whitman Paper Box Co.	133	.....	197	.....	.....	330
D. B. Gurney's factory..	431	.....	.....	.....	.....	431
Davis Gurney's factory..	75	.....	.....	.....	75
E. Fiske & Co. factory..	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	120
Totals.....	2537	3772	4364	4312	17,630	68,611	4958	2406	1179	1172	109921

Total length of mains, 20 miles, 4321 feet.

Total number of public hydrants, 144.

Total number of gates, 109.

Total number private hydrants, 22.

PUMPING RECORD FROM JAN. 1, 1904, TO JAN. 1, 1905

MONTHS.	HOURS PUMPING.	GALLONS PUMPED.	DAILY AVERAGE.	POUNDS OF COAL.
January	245h.	5,081,691	163,926	50,041
February	261h.	5,572,345	192,150	49,730
March	234h. 45m.	5,216,093	168,261	46,003
April	206h.	4,009,739	133,658	39,259
May	229h. 45m.	4,406,955	142,160	39,939
June	285h. 30m.	5,550,933	185,031	39,825
July	305h.	6,190,081	199,680	29,500
August	275h.	5,435,873	175,351	39,220
September	263h.	4,402,903	146,797	37,720
October	255h.	3,997,803	128,961	33,702
November	238h. 30m.	4,308,344	143,611	40,314
December	283h.	5,493,950	177,224	46,038
Totals	3081h. 30m.	59,666,710		491,291
Daily Averages	8h. 26m.	163,470		1,346

Greatest amount of water pumped in one month was in July—6,190,081 gallons.

Greatest amount of water pumped in one day was June 27—345,916 gals.

Least amount of water pumped in one day was on Nov. 13—73,288 gallons.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. McCALLUM,

Superintendent.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Received from—

Water Rates.....	\$8364 63
Hydrant Service.....	2780 00
Meter Rents	889 76
Damage to meters by frost	41 75
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	\$12,076 14

Paid—

Interest on Water Loan	4000 00
Myrick J. Briggs, engineer	509 00
Herbert Jones, engineer.....	259 00
Lewis Gregson, engineer	21 00
F. P. Smith, engineer.....	6 00
A. R. McCallum, Superintendent	600 00
A. R. McCallum, use of team	75 00
E. Russell Norton, coal.....	551 82
Garfield & Proctor, coal.....	109 77
E. C. Howard, coal and sundries	184 76
R. W. Cook, coal and sundries	67 56
J. C. Gilbert, Clerk and Treasurer	450 00
Waiver of damage, Whitman Mfg. Co	300 00
B. S. Atwood, land damage.....	150 00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	78 58
F. R. McCallum, labor.....	342 92
C. F. Reed, envelopes and stamps.....	46 78
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal.....	20 62
National Meter Co., repairs	10 20
Union Water Meter Co., repairs	86 71
H. B. Harding, printing	5 00
Andrew Neville, labor	2 00
Thos. Whalen, labor.....	2 75
Boston Safe Deposit Co., rent of box	10 00

Chandler & Faquar, tools.....	\$1 25
Allen Bros., repairs	1 50
So. Mass. Telephone Co., telephone service	25 00
Geo. W. Knowlton, packing	7 41
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and packing.....	52 70
Edison Mfg. Co., hose	27 87
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., books.....	5 00
Harold L. Bond, supplies.....	12 67
Albert Davis, rent of shop and yard	100 00
Boston Belting Co., wire rope.....	2 60
C. H. Edson, professional services.....	19 00
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., castings for pump....	65 32
C. B. Hutchinson, labor.....	1 00
Mary W. Pease, damage for flowage.....	125 00
Wm. H. Pease, damage for flowage.....	46 00
Boston Bank Note Co., printing bonds.....	40 00
W. C. Blanchard, ice for fountains	22 00
Harry I. Ford, damage to team.....	25 00
Washburn & Davie, sundries.....	7 17
Whitman Hardware Co., labor	50
Clement H. Tyler, carting coal.....	16 00
E. C. Howard, services as water com. 2 yrs ...	20 00
James English, teaming.....	102 65
A. H. Peterson, repairing furnace.....	21 40
Ludlow Valve Co., gaskets	4 50
A. A. Harding, labor and paint	5 60
Geo. E. Hersey, official service	5 00
Thos. Downey, labor	3 25
John J. Nolan, labor.....	8 50
John Bagley, labor.....	190 00
Penniman's Express, labor.....	24 57
C. P. Reed, care of dam in 1903.....	28 00
Light & Power Co., lighting station.....	30 00
Walter Pearson, machine work.....	4 73
B. S. Atwood, wood.....	16 58

J. C. Gilbert, dynamite, paint, telegrams, etc ..	\$27 98
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Total cost of maintenance.....	\$8985 21
Balance carried to construction account.....	3090 93

\$12,076 14

The uncollected water rates amount to about \$500.00. This amount includes all services shut off for non-payment, and estates in course of settlement. All collectable rates will be attended to at once and either settled or services closed.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1904	\$1371 32
Received from L. C. Bliss & Co., stock and labor	1423 74
Received from maintenance account.....	3090 93
Received from sale of bonds	20,000 00
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	\$25,885 99

EXPENDITURES.

Paid—

R. D. Wood & Co., pipe	\$11,010 24
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	1460 46
Chadwick Lead Co., pig lead.....	1140 48
Thos. Hoey Supply Co., pipe and fittings.....	999 51
F. R. McCallum, labor.....	448 37
National Meter Co., meters	372 00
Union Water Meter Co., sidewalk cocks	56 00
Davis & Farnum, special castings	104 76
Sumner & Goodwin, pipe and fittings.....	152 38
Builders' Iron Foundry Co., special castings...	64 88
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., hydrant parts	23 80

W. W. Copeland & Co., on account of labor...	\$9 90
Thos. Whalen, labor.....	32 75
J. Elliott, labor.....	1 75
John Lundregan, labor.....	4 75
A. B. Reed, lumber.....	42 96
Harold L. Bond, supplies.....	38 51
R. I. Davidson, labor.....	42 00
Coffin Valve Co., gates and hydrants.....	653 80
J. Cogan, labor.....	15 75
J. Maloney, labor.....	5 62
Frank Lawson, labor.....	17 75
M. Mullens, labor.....	15 50
J. Monegan, labor.....	2 00
M. Sweeney, labor.....	24 75
M. Freaney, labor.....	18 25
F. Bryant, labor.....	15 50
J. R. Connell, blacksmithing.....	2 95
W. H. Daniels, blacksmithing.....	7 50
Whitman Moulding Co., lumber.....	30 50
A. F. Luzarder, oil.....	16 43
Martin Nevins, labor.....	9 50
Ed. Cushing, labor.....	13 50
E. F. Benson, carting stone.....	38 50
Chas. Conant, blacksmithing.....	158 05
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe.....	87 73
M. Kenneally, carting pipe.....	260 00
Michael McGrail, labor.....	17 25
Mueller Mfg. Co., lead connections.....	47 50
Thos. Downey, labor.....	134 12
Patrick Driscoll, labor.....	14 50
Wm. McGilvary, labor.....	189 44
I. J. Smith, labor.....	12 50
John Bagley, labor.....	263 75
John Coughlin, labor.....	59 19
Parker Swift, labor.....	21 50

Wilton, McCallum, labor.....	\$11 00
Jas. Crawford, labor.....	23 00
Geo. Tyler, labor.....	155 38
J. E. Sears, labor.....	14 00
Timothy Swift, labor.....	239 38
Geo. White, labor.....	37 00
Robert McCallum, labor.....	127 56
Leon Hutchins, labor.....	18 50
J. Gilman, labor.....	10 00
F. McCarthy, labor.....	42 63
Chas. Bridges, labor.....	40 50
Wm. Work, labor.....	208 38
Patrick Nolan, labor.....	4 88
John McCallum, labor.....	51 15
J. T. Reilly, labor.....	190 44
G. A. Faunce, labor.....	152 82
E. S. Nutter, labor.....	363 50
J. LaTrent, labor.....	3 38
Patrick Jones, labor.....	192 19
F. M. Bradford, labor.....	189 19
S. M. Leavitt, labor.....	173 18
C. Ryan, labor.....	4 00
S. O'Rourke, labor.....	188 81
D. Holt, labor.....	169 94
Dan Hickey, labor.....	191 93
H. Porter, labor.....	198 68
J. O'Brien, labor.....	139 21
J. Harris, labor.....	16 88
Patrick Curtis, labor.....	157 56
J. Waters, labor.....	9 25
Wm. Harris, labor.....	176 15
Dan. Maloney, labor.....	143 81
John Hines, labor.....	67 88
H. S. Triggs, labor.....	141 31
Dan. Driscoll.....	75 88

Wm. McDonough, labor.....	\$144 94
P. J. Niland, labor.....	49 38
M. Holland, labor.....	140 56
Chas. McCarthy, labor.....	131 18
J. E. Murphy, labor.....	23 25
J. Hallacy, labor.....	109 00
J. McDonnell, labor.....	19 37
John Haines, labor.....	16 00
J. J. Monegan, labor.....	49 50
W. Foley, labor.....	105 93
Walter Richmond, labor.....	109 56
P. Callahan, labor.....	40 87
Patrick O'Donnell, labor.....	22 00
J. Murray, labor.....	67 44
P. J. Sullivan, labor.....	35 25
John Sullivan, labor.....	27 37
Jas. Poole, labor.....	30 00
E. C. Howard, construction supplies.....	67 36

Total cost of construction.....	\$23,277 14
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Cash on hand to balance.....	2608 85
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\$25,885 99

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

Appropriated by Town.....	\$35,000 00
Accumulated interest.....	13,473 03

\$48,473 03

INVESTMENTS.

Invested in So. Abington Water Loan Bonds..	\$19,000 00
Invested in Lawrence City Bonds.....	9036 25
Invested in Madison, Maine, Bonds.....	5075 00
Invested in Whitman Water Loan Bonds.....	15,000 00
Deposited in Whitman Savings Bank.....	361 78

\$48,473 03

CLASSIFIED INCOME FROM WATER RATES,
METER RENTS, ETC., FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1904.

From—	
Faucet rates.....	\$2212 25
Domestic meters	4758 28
Manufacturing meters.....	1394 10
Meter rents	889 76
Hydrant service.....	2780 00
Frozen meters	41 75
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	\$12,076 14
Total running expenses	\$4985 21
Interest on Water Loan	4000 00
Balance in favor of Town.....	3090 93
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	\$12,076 14

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash received for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904:	
Water rates, meter rents and hydrant service...	\$12,034 39
Appropriation for sinking fund.....	2000 00
Sinking fund interest	1435 89
Received from individuals for labor and stock..	1423 74
Frozen meters	41 75
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1904	1371 32
Received from sale of bonds	20,000 00
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	\$38,307 09
Total cash paid—	
Maintenance	\$4985 21
Construction.....	23,277 14
Interest on water loan	4000 00

Sinking fund.....	2000 00
Sinking fund interest	1435 89
Cash on hand to balance.....	2608 85
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	\$38,307 09

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GILBERT, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Jan. 31, 1905

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION TO JAN. 1, 1905.

1883-4, Expended through construction committee.....	\$52,256 85
1884, Expended on construction	3626 68
1885 " " " 	1285 93
1886 " " " 	6671 67
1887 " " " 	9989 16
1888 " " " 	8553 51
1889 " " " 	1671 61
1890 " " " 	7688 28
1891 " " " 	4002 30
1892 " " " 	6427 91
1893 " " " 	9144 31
1904 " " " 	1765 22
1895 " " " 	3858 96
1896 " " " 	5365 07
1897 " " " 	1917 88
1898 " " " 	1663 70
1899 " " " 	1392 81
1900 " " " 	2351 08
1901 " " " 	1981 94

1902, Expended on construction.....	\$801 84
1903 " " "	1996 04
1904 " " "	23,277 14
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	\$157,689 89

STATISTICS OF WHITMAN WATER WORKS.

WHITMAN, (PLYMOUTH COUNTY) MASS.

Population, 6781.

Works constructed 1883-84.

Owned by Town.

Source of supply, Silver Lake.

Mode of supply, pumping.

Builders of pumping machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co. and
H. R. Worthington.

Average pressure, 65 pounds.

Total cost of works to Jan. 1, 1905, \$157,689 89.

Total amount of outstanding bonds, \$120,000.00.

Rate of interest, 4 per cent.

Kind of pipe, cement-lined and cast-iron.

Kind of hydrants, Ludlow.

Kind of gates, Ludlow.

Number of hydrants now in use, 166.

Total number of services, 1093.

STORAGE.

Standpipe, 105 feet high, 20 feet in diameter.

Capacity, 240,000 gallons.

Built by Cunningham Iron Works, Charlestown, Mass.

Total length of mains, 20 miles, 4321 feet.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

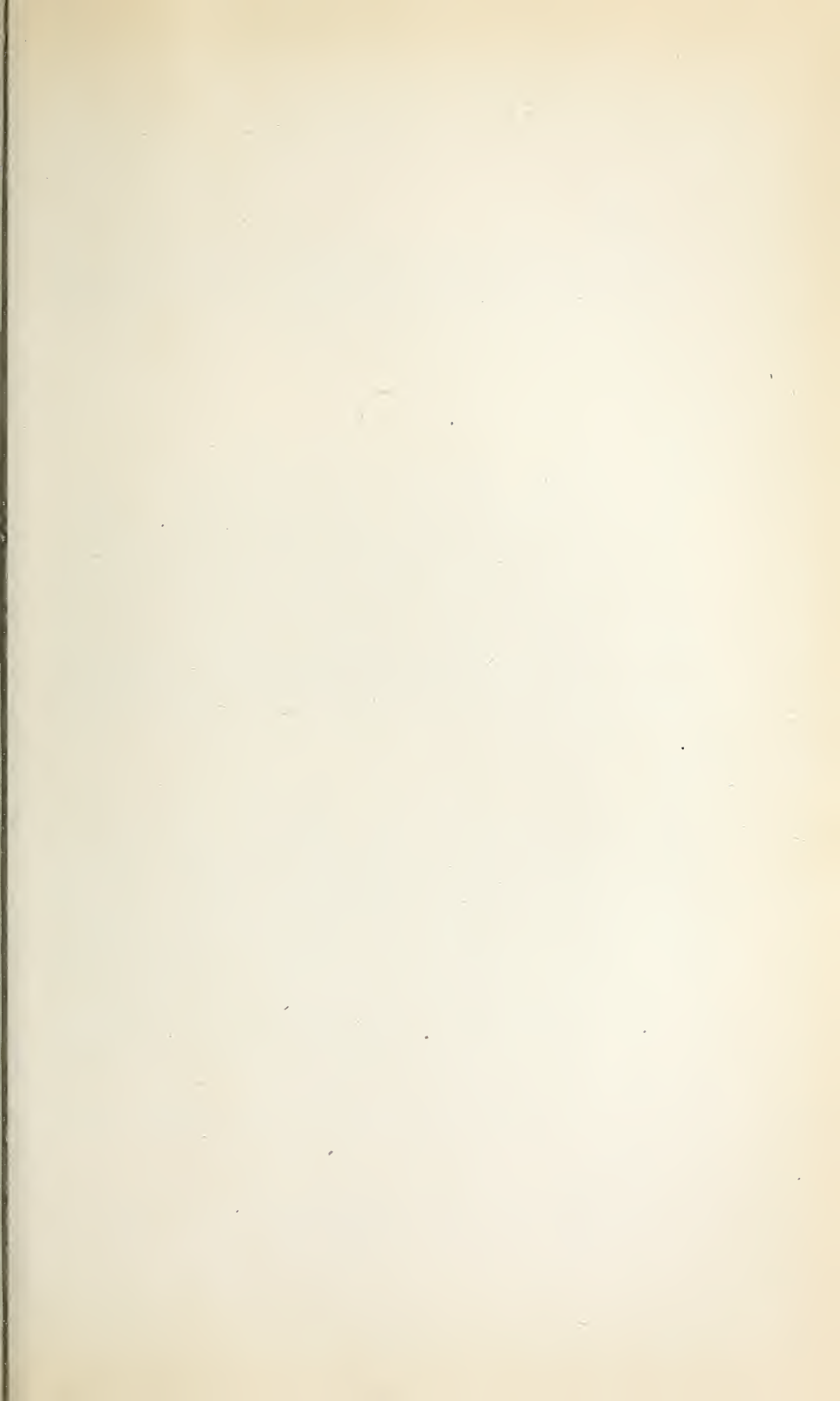
MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WHITMAN, 1904

- January 16, Alphonso Gorman and Emeline L. Leavitt of Whitman.
- January 27. Fred C. Morrill of Whitman, and Arabella F. Hill of Skowhegan, Maine.
- January 27. David J. Condon of Rockland, and Margaret M. Donoghue of Whitman.
- February 11. Frank N. Colson and Orill A. Richmond of East Bridgewater.
- February 15. James C. Doyle of West Quincy, and Flora M. Foster of Whitman.
- February 17. James B. Crawford of Boston, and Martha Marrow of Whitman.
- March 8. Peter Holt and Ada L. Knight of Whitman.
- March 23. Henry B. Shute of Gloucester, and Annie L. Edwards of Hanover.
- April 4. Joseph A. Kane and Margaret J. McDuffee of Whitman.
- April 6. Charles A. Deveroux and Mary L. Harrub of Whitman.
- April 10. Charles A. Leroy of Rockland and Sabina E. Wall of Whitman.
- April 10. William Brine of Whitman, and Maud Wagner of Brockton.
- April 12. Eddie Bowe of Boston, and Anna Laidlaw of Whitman.
- April 17. Charles A. Drew and Abbie B. Sturtevant of Whitman.
- April 20. Harry C. Gifford of Whitman, and Florence M. Cobham of Lynn.
- April 26. Joseph H. Cresey of Rockland, and Mary E. Quinn of Whitman.

- April 27. Archie H. Trott and Lillian G. Monroe of Whitman.
- April 28. Clarence H. Townsend and Mary E. Perkins of Whitman.
- April 30. John R. Connell of Whitman, and Estella Bishop of West Newton.
- April 30. Arthur W. Ford of Whitman, and J. Eva Holmes of Campello.
- April 30. Florus I. Josselyn of Hanover, and Martha F. Foster of Pembroke.
- May 7. Norman A. Raymond of Rockland, and Ella I. Whiting of Whitman.
- May. 11. David F. English of Whitman, and Mary E. Daly of Brockton.
- May 12. Arthur H. Lee and Celia S. Snow of Whitman.
- May 19. Francis Cox of Whitman, and Nellie F. Tillson of Hanson.
- May 28. Ernest P. Baker and Emma F. Sampson of Brockton.
- May 30. Albert H. Harlow and Jennie L. Frost of Whitman.
- June 2. William T. Clarkson of Brockton, and Mary E. Bradford of Whitman.
- June 7. Adlard O. Durand of Abington, and Mary E. Metevier of Whitman.
- June 7. Waldo F. Packard and Beatrice Fraser of Whitman.
- June 14. Marshall Reed of Whitman and Emma O. Thayer of Holbrook.
- June 15. Ora D. Osgood of Loudon, N. H., and H. Abigail Follansbee of Whitman.
- June 15. John H. Burns of Whitman, and Margaret Callahan of Plymouth.
- June 21. William F. Williston of Whitman, and Annabell D. Witt of North Brookfield.
- June 21. Walter M. Curtis and Grace M. Keene of Whitman.
- June 22. William Hammond and Georgianna Bates of Whitman.
- June 22. John M. Donoghue and Bridget F. Lundregan of Whitman.
- June 22. Harry W. Wood and Annabel Embree of Whitman.
- June 26. Michael C. Connors and Alice M. Churchill of Whitman.

- June 29. Walter B. Jones and Mabel C. Edson of Whitman.
- June 29. John F. Brides of Campello, and Maud E. Alden of Whitman.
- June 29. H. Austin Soule of Whitman, and Mary E. Barnes of Somerville.
- June 29. Arthur W. Beal and A. Gertrude Elford of Whitman.
- July 1. Elmer C. Cobb of Whitman, and Georgie E. Davis of Brockton.
- July 2. Albert H. Backus and Catherine Gillis of Rockland.
- July 3. George I. Winslow of Whitman, and Jennie A. Averill of Brockton.
- July 6. Ira S. Littlefield of New London, N. H., and Eliza A. Harding of Whitman.
- July 9. James D. Keefe and Effie Wile of Brockton.
- July 12. George A. Stevens and Edith M. Bowker of Whitman.
- July 14. Harry B. Harding and Eliza Hill of Whitman.
- August 10. Henry A. Putnam of Braintree, and Grace A. Soule of Whitman.
- August 13. Thomas McGonnigle and Elizabeth Battise of Whitman.
- August 17. Lester B. Bailey of Whitman, and Emma M. Scheck of Colerain.
- August 31. Walter D. Holmes of Brockton and Emma Van Buren of Whitman.
- September 11. William M. Estes of Whitman, and Josie M. Keene of Hanson.
- September 25. Charles H. Crocker of Whitman, and Ellen L. Ruggles of Milton.
- September 28. John P. McMarrow of Rockland, and Nellie T. McNamara of Whitman.
- October 1. Arthur H. Sandra and Frances E. Collins of Whitman.
- October 1. Robert Green of Boston, and Lilla E. Fisher of Whitman.
- October 16. William Marrow and Mary Custillow of Whitman.
- October 19. John S. Marrow of Whitman, and Sarah A. Williams of Chelsea.
- November 5. George J. Foster of Whitman, and Kathleen O'Brien of Brockton.

- November 17. Everett W. Cole of Whitman, and Winnie French of Brockton.
- November 21. John P. Robertson of North Abington, and Nellie Costello of Whitman.
- November 22. F. Austin Shaw of Rockland, and Myra G. Paine of Whitman.
- November 23. Andre A. Harding and Margie M. Freeman of Whitman.
- November 23. Thomas F. Mullaney of Whitman, and Annie P. Boyle of Abington.
- November 23. Arthur O. Bisson of Brockton, and Josephine B. Camille of Whitman.
- November 23. Nathaniel T. Johnson of Plymouth, and Margaret A. Meuse of Whitman.
- November 24. Frank V. Smith and Corena L. Bazley of Whitman.
- November 24. Herbert C. Nichols and Alice I. Harding of Whitman.
- November 24. John H. Whyers of Whitman, and Henrietta Hodgdon of Abington.
- November 30. Edward F. Murphy of Whitman, and Margaret Lucy of Abington.
- December 7. Simon F. O'Connell, Jr., and Lucy J. Noggler of Whitman.
- December 21. John H. Damon and Effie C. Smiley of Whitman.
- December 24. Henry Hoffman of New York, and Alice I. Coombs of Whitman.
- December 24. Edward F. Staples of Brockton, and Bertha M. Tyler of Whitman.
- December 26. Arthur C. Lamb of Whitman, and Ina F. Morse of Allston.



BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1904.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
January	Aletha Doris Tillson,	I. Lewis and Nellie M.,	Drury
"	Charles Henry Harris,	Stephen D. and Mary A.	Hallier
"	Catherine Gaffney,	Frank H. and Ellen G.,	Driscoll
"	Doris Rebecca Raymond,	James E. and Ida M.,	Drake
"	Wesley Earle Brackett,	Everett E. and Ethel W.,	Ripley
February	Ruth Esther Mann,	Leon B. and Nellie,	Merrill
"	Roy Reginald Strother,	Charles P. and Alice A.,	Jordan
"	Austin Granger West,	Cyrus W. and Helen E.,	Mullen
"	John Francis Burke,	John and Aninto,	Burbine
"	Marion Cecilia Morrison,	John W. and Nellie A.,	Swift
March	Reginald Aver Hayes,	Michael and Margaret,	Fleming
"	Marjorie Williams Prouty,	Walter C. and Blanche M.,	Jackson
"	Alice Rogers Barlow,	James A. and Elista A.,	Harriman
"	Gordon Augustus Snow,	Weldon A. and Hannah M.,	Monaghan
"	Charles Forsyth Leach,	Charles A. and Marjorie H.,	Forsythe
"	Blanche Louis Benson,	Arthur E. and Alma M.,	Wilbur
"	David Patrick LeBlanc,	David J. and Valena M.,	Chassey
"	Herbert Winthrop Boreault,	Edward L. and Mabel A.,	Burrell
"	Israel Rosen	John and Gussie,	Dorman
April	William Thomas Stewart,	William and Lillie,	Mottram
"	Esther Burke,	Martin J. and Lydia H.,	Dillon
"	Sylvia Brewster Wright,	Harry L. and L. May,	Alden
"	Maurice Leo Whalen,	John and Ellen,	Whalen

"	10	Perley Alton Reed,	William A. and Myra J.,	Griffin
"	11	Thomas Joseph Kenneally,	Patrick A. and Annie E.,	Pendergast
"	11	Bernard Clark Smith,	George H. and Lillis C.,	Loud
"	14	Howard Raymond Conley,	Thomas A. and Annie,	Reed
"	17	Loring Palmer Drew,	Charles A. and Abbie B.,	Starrevant
"	22	Lytle Franklin Keene,	George F. and Cora E.,	Cushing
"	24	Avis Derry Hill,	Warren L. and Abbie E.,	Gorham
"	28	Edward O'Donnell,	Edward W. and Annie	McCarthy
"	29	Lawrence Henry Kenneally,	John H. and Mary A.,	Downey
May	2	Clarence Francis LeBlanc,	Henry and Amanda,	Pluff
"	6	Charles Burton Holmes,	William H. and Florence,	McLaughlin
"	18	Alice A'Hearn,	John and Alice,	Parrell
"	29	Bessie May Sampson,	Herbert F. and Mabel S.,	Whelpley
June	2	Dorothy Ruperta Horgan,	Cornelius and Effie G.,	Bishop
"	6	Dorothy Lawrence Gurney,	Henry L., and Mary W.,	Prouty
"	6	Clark,	Newman H. and Pearl M.,	Ellis
"	8	Raymond Louis Winslow,	Francis B. and Annie M.,	Merritt
"	11	Robert Alfred Prestat,	Achille E. and Lillian A.,	Edwards
"	16	Priscilla Alden Freeman,	Omer A., and Jessie M.,	Gowell
"	19	James Thomas Marrow,	Thomas and Annie,	Custello
"	20	Bernice Francis Fields,	Anderson and Annie L.,	White
"	26	Gertrude Naomi McKenzie,	Fred E. and Armedia A.,	Benjamin
"	27	Thelma Cleone Goodwin,	Frank F. and Bertha B.,	Greeley
July	6	Ruth Geraldine Howard,	Arthur C. and Melle B.,	Whitmarsh
"	6	Margaret Irene Holland,	James A. and Nellie E.,	Morris
"	9	Lewis Francis Litchfield,	William H. and Mary A.,	Ransdell
"	10	Florence Irene Gorman,	Alphonso L. and Emma,	Leavitt

BIRTHS—(CONTINUED.)

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
July 13	Ruth Ethelyn Saunders,	Clarence E. and Martha E.,	Orcutt
" 20	Harriet Murphy	Edward T. and Margaret E.,	Carney
" 27	Geraldine Freeman,	Arche C. and Myra G.,	Hutchinson
August 2	Rose Helen Weldon,	William R. and Josephine,	Cormica
" 6	Wallace Wendell Stockwell,	Burton and Georgianna,	Lee
" 7	Dennis Charles Hayes,	Patrick and Mary,	Holland
" 8	Ada May Cormica,	Oliver and Annie,	Coughlin
" 10	Weston Wentworth Parker,	Ira E. and Henrietta,	Child
" 10	Beatrice Davis Grose,	Herbert D. and Idella B.,	Shaw
" 11	Edwin Sylvester Chase,	Edwin W. and Rosanna,	Sylvester
" 25	Robert Kent Alden,	George D. and Lillian C.,	Kent
" 25	John Bartholomew Gralton,	James and Mary T.,	Casey
" 25	Alice Howard Townsend,	Clarence H. and Mary E.,	Perkins
September 4	Agnes Louisa Deal,	Edward L. and Nellie J.,	Quinn
" 6	Evelyn May Southworth,	Arthur L. and Nellie N.,	Lane
" 7	Ezra Smith Nuttier, Jr.,	Ezra S. and Evelyn N.,	Bradford
" 15	Leo Henry St. Pierre,	Antonio and Mary,	Gibeault
" 16	Edith Katherine Josselyn,	Asa H. and Fannie E.,	Jackson
" 18	Gladys Marie Baxter,	Cornelius and Annie E.,	Ivers
" 19	Raymond Edward Wicher,	John E. and Bessie F.,	Jordan
" 19	Ellen Teresa Kirby,	Patrick S. and Teresa A.,	Dineen
" 19	Hattie Estella Perot,	Charles F. and Cora J.,	Tough
" 21	Marion Elizabeth Brown,	Lawrence N. and Almeda S.,	Keene

"	21	Mary Eva Bernard,	Napoleon J. and Mary A.,	Provost
"	26	Vincent Hasson,	Patrick M. and Margaret E.,	McEnroe
"	30	William Thomas Bryant,	Thomas H. and Grace E.,	Manter
October	4	Leo Dowd,	John J. and Minnie F.,	Coughlin
"	8	Edward Lawrence Kenneally,	Timothy F. and Teresa J.,	Gallagher
"	14	Bertha Lee Bird,	Irving P. and Laura A.,	Lapham
"	15	Annie Belle Durant,	Charles and Elizabeth,	Wickett
"	15	Edna Dwight Collins,	John T. and M. Flora,	Hassett
"	19	Louis Theodore Wilnot,	Theodore and Ida L.,	Badeau
"	21	Alice McCone Bradley,	James H. and Nettie F.,	Ramsdell
"	22	Catherine Monica Burns,	Frank S. and Mary E.,	Laundregan
"	28	Margaret Louise Connelly,	James T. and Mary E.,	Kenneally
"	29	Walter Clifford Harding,	George H. and Affie L.,	Hanks
"	31	Harold Richard Connell,	John R. and Estella E.,	Bishop
November	5	Esther Holcomb Curry,	Nathaniel D. and Persis A.,	Hutchinson
"	14	Helen Connor,	Thomas J. and Mary H.,	Scully
"	19	Robert Freeman Spofford,	Lawrence B. and Lillian M.,	Sweet
"	24	Charles Edwin Connor,	Michael C. and Alice M.,	Churchill
December	3	William Henry Sullivan, Jr.,	William H. and Mary E.,	Fratus
"	6	John Francis Connor, Jr.,	John F. and Mary E.,	Sullivan
"	19	Mary Lillian White,	Fred F. and Mary,	Cornica
"	22	Peter Joseph Hayes,	John and Julia,	McCarthy
"	23	Helen Merrill Wales,	Alfred B. and Jennie M.,	Tower
"	28	Keene	Robert F. and Lena H.,	Loud
"	29	Clifford Charles Orcutt,	Charles F. and Agnes,	LaFond

DEATHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1904.

DATE	NAME	AGE			DISEASE
		Years	Mos.	Days	
January 12,	Daniel Stetson,	67	3	8	Organic Disease of Heart
" 13,	Herbert T. Harding,	48			General Paralysis
" 17,	Emma A. Chase,	46	6	11	Pneumonia
" 18,	Dorothy Howard,	4	9	3	Diphtheria
" 19,	Elbridge G. Sharpe,	82	2	13	Organic Disease of Heart
" 22,	Stephen T. Sherman,	78	2		Shock
" 28,	Joseph Purcell,	86			Senile Anaemia
February 7,	LeBaron B. Bowen,	70	2	25	Tuberculosis
" 7,	Charles S. Tower,	65	1	12	Marasmus
" 10,	Francis W. Phelps,	55			Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 20,	Hiram E. Swift,	68		8	Lobar Pneumonia
" 22,	Olisime Sylvester,	58			Pneumonia
" 22,	Ann Downey,	52			Pneumonia,
" 27,	Spencer Vining,	70	6	10	Paralysis
" 13,	Ansel R. Doble,	6	8	23	Pneumonia
March 14,	David LeBlanc,	25		27	Accidental Poison
" 16,	John M. Conroy,	46			Hemorrhage
" 17,	Martha A. Brown,	65	3	22	Acute Bronchitis
April 1,	Mary F. Dudley,	57	5	7	Bright's Disease
" 3,	Irene J. Wilnot,		3	12	Inanition
" 10,	Mercedes E. Thayer,		9	23	Pneumonia
" 15,	Sarah M. Bates,	69	10	2	Exhaustion from Senile Dementia

"	21,	Michael Kilgrew,	58	10	13	Tuberculosis
"	27,	John A. Carnes,	40	9	10	Pneumonia
"	27,	Christopher B. Smith,	83	9	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May	1,	Hannah G. Murphy,	46			Diabetes
"	6,	Florence Holmes,	23	3	2	Puerperal Eclampsia
"	13,	Callaghan McCarthy,	72			Bronchial Pneumonia
"	13,	Hannah S. Dyson,	66	2	1	Cancer of Breast
"	25,	Ellen Reinhardt,	79			Marasmus
June	3,	Sarah P. Smith,	50	11	7	Nephritis
"	4,	Hannah Alden,	75	5	6	Marasmus
"	12,	James Murphy,	39			Tuberculosis
"	23,	Albert F. Fairbanks,	57			Lobar Pneumonia
"	25,	Amos Brine,	54			Cerebral Softening
July	1,	Terrence Farrell,	54			Tuberculosis
"	4,	Daniel Murphy,	81	5	2	Marasmus
"	10,	Robert A. Prestat,		1		Marasmus
"	11,	John A. L. Spaulding,	66	6		Apoplexy
"	16,	Mary A. Litchfield,	22	1		Puerperal Septicæmia
"	17,	Sarah M. Welch,	60	10	14	Cerebral Softening
"	20,	Joseph H. LeBlanc,	4	8		Cerebral Abscess
"	24,	Eben E. Phillips,	41	3	5	Meningitis
August	4,	Mary A. Rickards,	65	8		Cholo Cystitis
"	7,	Charlotte S. Bloomstrand,	84	6	3	Dysentery
"	11,	Beatrice Grose,			1	Convulsions
"	11,	Peter Metivier,	53	10		Fatty Degenerative Heart
"	15,	Morrill Locke,	60	4		Dysentery
"	16,	Catherine Daly,	38			Tuberculosis

DEATHS—(CONTINUED).

DATE.	NAME.	AGE			DISEASE.
		Years	Mos.	Days	
August 24,	Lydia Winslow,	74	4	16	Dysentery
" 29,	Herbert W. Breault,		5	16	Purpura
September 1,	Retia A. Howard,		9	4	Eutero Coletis
" 8,	Jane S. Sherman,	72		16	Peritonitis
" 9,	George Johnson,	64			Alcoholis Dementia
" 27,	Benjamin S. Dyer,	79		5	Paralysis
October 8,	Lyle F. Keene,		5	6	Eutero Coletis
" 20,	M. Augusta Dyer,	74	8		Organic Disease of Heart
" 21,	Mabel R. Gillis,	19	5	26	Peritonitis
" 26,	Harvey C. Ferguson,	62	11	2	Neutral Regurgitation of Heart
" 27,	Alice McGuire,	5	9	14	Diphtheria
" 27,	Agnes F. Kilgrew,	22	2	12	Rheumatism of Heart
" 29,	Warren R. Spurr,	73	1	4	Old Age
" 31,	George D. Whiting,	57	7	13	Organic Heart Disease
November 8,	Frank A. Kyle,	59			Paralysis
" 21,	Burton A. Wood,	1		18	Cholera Infantum
" 22,	Patrick Holland,	70			Senile Debility
" 29,	William H. Sullivan,			3	Spina Befida
" 29,	Betsey C. Everson,	85	10	5	Marasmus
December 3,	Lillian M. Spofford,	23	11	2	Pneumonia
" 4,	John E. Alden,	16	3	6	Pneumonia
" 6,	Sarah D. Maloy,	79	4	19	Organic Disease of Heart

"	10,	Mary E. Williston,	61	1	11	Cancer of Liver
"	15,	Margaret T. Kilgrew,	28	8		Acute Phthisis
"	15,	Elizabeth Gurney,	81	3		Internal Cancer
"	21,	Harold R. Connell,		2	22	Accidental Suffocation
"	26,	Hattie S. Perot,		3	6	Natural Causes

RECAPITULATION.

Number of marriages registered.....	78
Number of births registered.....	102
Males	50
Females	52
Stillborn.....	3
Illegitimate.....	1
Number of deaths	79
Under 10 years of age	17
Between 10 and 20 years of age	2
Between 20 and 30 years of age.....	7
Between 30 and 40.....	2
Between 40 and 50.....	6
Between 50 and 60.....	12
Between 60 and 70.....	13
Between 70 and 80	13
Between 80 and 90.....	7
Number of dogs licensed.....	406

TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 7 AND 12, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 4. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use all means for the collection of taxes which the treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$70,000, in anticipation of taxes the present year and payable therefrom.

Article 7. To act on a list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the public library.

Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of Whitman Park.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for sidewalks.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets.

Article 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the current expenses of the fire department and to compensate the members of said department.

Article 14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the water sinking fund.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$2000, to pay one town note the current year.

Article 16. To see if the town will choose a committee to confer with the city of Brockton, to ascertain upon what terms they will furnish the town of Whitman with water; also procure an estimate of cost of construction.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to petition the Legislature for an act authorizing the town of Whitman to issue water loan bonds to an amount not exceeding \$20,000, for the purpose of extending the pipes to connect with Brockton main, and any other necessary expenses in connection therewith and choose a committee to present said petition to the Legislature.

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$1500 for installing a heating and ventilating apparatus in the Corthell school.

Article 19. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$350 for shingling the Reed school.

Article 20. To see if the town will appoint a committee of five to investigate the need of more school room and report at a later meeting.

Article 21. To see if the town will appropriate \$1500 for repairing the northerly end of Washington street, as laid out by the county commissioners.

Article 22. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for concrete sidewalks. (On petition.)

Article 23. To see if the town will appoint a committee of five to investigate the condition of the house of Hose Co. No. 3 and report at some future meeting. (On petition.)

Article 24. To see if the town will instruct the select-

men to draw no orders for the services of any town officers except on presentation of duplicate bills giving a separate item for each day's service, this to apply also to any town officer who may be appointed by any other officer or board of officers to render any service, one of said bills to be kept on file at the town office for the investigation of the public. (On petition.)

Article 25. To see if the town will instruct its water commissioners to lay pipes for water on old South avenue so-called. (On petition.)

Article 26. To see if the town will instruct the street lighting committee to establish a light on West street, near the greenhouse of A. Alden Reed, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 27. To see if the town will instruct the street lighting committee to establish a light on Franklin street, opposite the residence of Jonas Packard, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to establish a fire alarm box at the corner of South avenue and Perry avenue, or at some nearby place, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to establish a fire alarm box on the premises of D. B. Gurney, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 30. To see if the town will choose a committee to prepare and present to the town, at some future meeting, a new code of by-laws.

Article 31. To see if the town will choose a committee, other than the overseers of the poor, to investigate and report at some future meeting upon the advisability of establishing an almshouse, and if they deem it advisable to present to the town plans and estimates of expenses.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to act for or against the passage of Senate bill 98,

being an act to remove the Registry of Deeds and Registry of Probate from Plymouth to Brockton.

Article 33. To bring in their votes for the following town officers: A town clerk for one year; a town treasurer for one year; three selectmen and overseers of the poor for one year; three assessors for one year; one water commissioner for three years; one highway surveyor for one year; one member of the board of health for three years; two trustees of the public library for three years; three park commissioners for one year; five constables for one year; two auditors for one year; one collector of taxes for one year; one tree warden for one year; also to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? To choose all other necessary town officers; and to act on and transact all business that may arise in relation to the foregoing articles.

The polls for the election of officers and the vote on the license question will be opened in said Village hall at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, on said Saturday the twelfth day of March, 1904, and kept open until three o'clock in the afternoon. Both said days will constitute the annual meeting, and this call is issued in accordance with the vote of the town passed January 29, 1902.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was elected moderator, the check list being used.

Article 2. Voted to accept all the reports of the town officers as printed in the town report.

Article 3. Voted to raise the following sums of money:

Schooling Proper.....	\$20,000 00
School Incidentals	1500 00
Text Books and Supplies	1800 00
Spring Water for Schools.....	225 00
Superintendent of schools	1000 00

Repair of Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	\$5000 00
That the railroad tax and excise tax be included	
Removal of Snow	1500 00
Highway Incidentals.....	500 00
Support of Poor.....	6500 00
Town Officers and Committees	2500 00
Town Incidentals	1000 00
Police Service.....	2000 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees	1200 00
Water for 139 Hydrants.....	2770 00
New Hose.....	500 00
Tree Warden.....	250 00
Military Aid, Chap. 372, Acts of 1899.....	300 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.....	1800 00
Interest on Temporary loan	2500 00
Interest on Permanent Loan	280 00

Article 4. Voted that all taxes uncollected Dec. 1, 1904 that interest be added at the rate of five per cent. until paid, and all taxes not paid January 1, 1905, be collected according to law. That the collector shall receive 85 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100).

Article 5. Voted to so authorize the collector.

Article 6. Voted unanimously to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$70,000 in anticipation of taxes the present year and payable therefrom.

Article 7. Voted to excuse from the jurors' list Andrew J. Bartlett, Charles Conant, Ivory O. Estes, J. Conroy and Howard S. Baker. Voted to add to the jurors' list George E. Leavitt, George S. La Breche and Henry B. Hatch.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate under this article \$150.

Article 9 Voted to appropriate under this article \$1800.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1500.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1000.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate under this article \$4,100.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1970.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate under this article \$2000.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate under this article \$2000.

Article 16. Voted that a committee of ten be chosen.

The following were chosen: Geo. D. Soule, J. C. Gilbert, William Spellman, Ernest C. Howard, William F. Coughlin, Edward L. Morrill, Isaiah T. Churchill, Walter E. Trufant, Andrew R. McCallum, Arthur D. B. Butler.

Article 17. Voted that the selectmen be a committee to petition the Legislature under this article.

Article 18. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1500.

Article 19. Voted to appropriate under this article \$350.

Article 20. Voted to appoint a committee of five under this article: Albert Davis, Maurice Kane, Francis J. Hanley, Aaron R. Warfield, John E. Andrews.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1500.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate under this article \$1000.

Article 23. Voted to appoint a committee of five under this article: Richard J. Considine, Arthur D. B. Butler, Isaiah T. Churchill, William F. Coughlin, Albert C. Whitmarsh.

Article 24. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 25. Voted to instruct the water commissioners to lay pipe under this article.

Article 26. Voted to establish the light on West street and appropriate \$12.50.

Article 27. Voted to pass over.

Article 28. Voted to pass over.

Article 29. Voted to establish the fire alarm box and appropriate \$85.

Article 30. Voted that the Board of Selectmen act as a committee under this article.

Article 31. Voted to choose a committee of five under this article: George A. Dorr, Obed H. Ellis, Albert C. Whitmarsh, Oscar A. Bemis, John M. Penniman.

Article 32. Voted to pass over.

Saturday, March 12, 1904.

Article 33. The polls were opened at 6 o'clock A. M. The moderator appointed as tellers Charles L. Redding in place of Harvey C. Ferguson, Fred E. Sharp, J. E. Crowley, J. P. Callanan, Wm. W. Livingston, James E. Bates, P. Henry Collins, Edward McNamara, E. W. Packard, E. Warren Clift. The selectmen appointed for the annual town meeting ballot clerks, Johnnie L. Bemis, Leslie W. Blanchard; tellers, Harvey C. Ferguson, Lawrence J. Maloney. The following was announced at the close of counting the ballots, by the town clerk:

TOWN CLERK(One year).

Austin V. Harlow.....	139
George H. Pearson.....	799
C. B. Snow	133
Blanks	61

TOWN TREASURER (One year).

Benjamin C. Reed.....	797
Frank B. Southworth	230
Blanks	105

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Andrew C. Brigham	725
Edward L. Morrill.....	263
Benjamin C. Reed.....	740
George D. Soule.....	748
Lewis F. Trow.....	212
Francis B. Winslow.....	152
Elmer A. Wright	197
Blanks	359

ASSESSORS (One year).

Arthur D. B. Butler	656
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Isaiah T. Churchill.....	549
Fred S. Geddis	150
Abner W. Jackson	495
Clarence Sherman.....	169
Joseph R. Smith.....	228
George D. Soule.....	692
Blanks	457

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three years).

Edward J. Gaffney	623
Walter E. Trufant	664
Elmer A. Wright.....	65
Blanks	26

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (One year).

Aaron A. Healy	737
Robert H. Lundregan.....	212
Blanks	83

WATER COMMISSIONER (Three years).

Julius C. Gilbert.....	744
George B. Mason	288
Blanks	100

BOARD OF HEALTH (Three years).

George A. Edson	480
Francis J. Hanley.....	469
Edward L. Morrill.....	121
Scattering	1
Blanks	61

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Three years).

George A. Dorr	657
Willard H. Gay	290
John J. Kingsley	209
Deborah A. Partridge.....	692
Blanks	416

PARK COMMISSIONERS (One year).

Albert H. Brigham.....	706
Alfred A. MacKeen	629
Charles B. McHannon	295
Leroy L. Phinney.....	283
Fred L. Ryder.....	313
Walter E. Trufant	584
Blanks	586

CONSTABLES (One year).

John J. Dowd	568
Frank Erskine.....	141
J. Frank Hammond	291
Alfred H. Hazlin.....	112
Allen B. Josselyn	203
Alex Joubert.....	168
Thomas F. Kane	618
Andrew R. McCallum.....	816
Leroy L. Phinney	261
Foster J. Rand	721
Ernest L. Rickards.....	166
Patrick H. Smith	743
Blanks	852

TREE WARDEN (One year).

George J. Foster.....	294
Clarence A. Randall	705
Blanks	133

COLLECTOR OF TAXES (One year).

Samuel Foster	221
John J. Geogan	222
Austin V. Harlow	87
George H. Pearson	195
Benjamin C. Reed.....	369
Blanks	38

AUDITORS (One year).

Bela Alden	690
Harry H. Kent	319
G. Howard Soule.....	610
Cornelius F. Sweeney.....	275
Scattering	1
Blanks	365
License—	
Yes	335
No	663
Blanks	134
Total vote cast	1378
Men	1132
Women.....	246

FIELD DRIVERS.

Charles E. Lowell, Quincy A. Merritt.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Charles A. Larry, Albert Faunce.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

George D. Soule, Charles A. Larry.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

Lawrence J. Maloney, Charles D. Dyer, Julius C. Gilbert.

FENCE VIEWERS.

George A. Dorr, William C. Gurney.

Voted to pay the moderator \$35.

The meeting was dissolved at 10.15 p. m.

A recount of ballots was held by the Board of Registrars March 18, 1904, for School Committee and Board of Health and was as follows:

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edward J. Gaffney 625

Walter E. Trufant	664
Elmer A. Wright	65
Blanks	24

BOARD OF HEALTH.

George A. Edson	481
Francis J. Hanley.....	469
Edward L. Morrill	120
Charles E. Lowell.....	1
Blanks	61

TOWN MEETING MAY 17, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of the committee chosen at the annal meeting to investigate the matter of obtaining Silver Lake water by connecting with the Brockton main on Bedford street, and to act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize and instruct its board of selectmen to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars by virtue of authority given by an act of the Legislature of 1904, for the purpose of extending water mains to connect with Brockton Silver Lake system, and any other expenses connected therewith.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize and instruct its water commissioners to expend an amount sufficient, not exceeding \$20,000, for the purpose of taking water from the Brockton system.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize and instruct its board of selectmen to make a contract with the Brockton water commissioners to furnish Whitman with water at a price not to exceed the sum named in the report of the committee chosen at the annual meeting.

Article 6. To hear the report of the committee to investigate the need of more school room and to act there on.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to purchase the Bela Alden estate, situated on the northerly side of South avenue, and erect thereon a high scoool building and furnish the same and remodel the present high school building into a six room building for the use of the grades, and furnish the same.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, upon the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of sixty thousand dollars for the purpose stated in article 7, this loan to be paid three thousand dollars in the year 1905, and three thousand dollars each succeeding year for 19 years.

Article 9. To see if the town will appoint a committee to purchase the Bela Alden estate and to erect a high school building, and to remodel the present high school building.

Article 10. To hear the report of the committee on fire station at East Whitman, and to act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars to purchase a lot of land and build a fire station on Pleasant street, one thousand to be assessed in 1904, and the remainder to be paid by six town notes of one thousand dollars each, payable one each year thereafter until paid, and choose a building committee.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, the sum of six thousand dollars, the said loan to be paid in annual installments of one thousand dollars each, for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land and building a fire station on Pleasant street, the first payable in 1905 and one note each year thereafter until paid.

Article 13. To hear the report of the committee chosen to investigate the matter of establishing an almshouse and act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-

appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing the farm of Arthur C. Howard, and the erection of a building thereon to be used as an almshouse.

Article 15.. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, upon the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of eight thousand dollars for the purpose stated in article 14, this loan to be paid one thousand dollars in the year 1905, and one thousand dollars each succeeding year for seven years thereafter.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the better drainage of Beulah street at the corner of School street.

Article 17. To see what measures the town will take to improve, renew or reconstruct the drainage system from Gold street to Temple street and make an appropriation for the same.

May 17, 1904.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m. by the town clerk.

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was elected moderator of this meeting, check list being used.

Article 2. Committee appointed under this article reported as follows:

The committee appointed at the annual meeting, March 7, 1904, to confer with the city of Brockton to ascertain upon what terms it will furnish the town of Whitman with water; also to procure an estimate of the cost of construction, have attended to that duty and respectfully submit the following report:

The committee have devoted considerable time to this work, having had a number of meetings and also several conferences with the water commissioners of Brockton. The result of these conferences has been the fixing of the price for which Brockton will supply this town with Silver Lake water, at eight cents per thousand gallons, delivered into

our pipes from the mains on Bedford street in Whitman, The committee are unanimous in accepting this price and recommend its acceptance by the town. In regard to the length of time for which a contract may be made at this price, the Brockton water commissioners agree to leave that with Whitman, and this committee recommend that the contract be made for five years. In regard to the second part of the duty of this committee, viz.— to ascertain cost of construction, the committee have made a thorough investigation and the assistance of an expert engineer in so doing, with the following results: The committee recommend that a sixteen inch pipe be laid through Bedford street from the Brockton main to Auburn street; a fourteen-inch pipe through Bedford street, from Auburn to Glen street; a twelve-inch pipe through Glen street and across Beulah street, from Bedford street to East avenue; also a ten-inch pipe through Auburn street from Bedford street to School street to parallel the six-inch pipe; also that the six-inch dead end in Whitman avenue be extended to Court street; also that a pipe be laid on Park avenue from Alden Street to the residence of Frank D. Stetson, connecting with dead ends at Court, Charles and Blake streets. The committee recommend these extensions as a part of this work, and as essential in making the connections with Brockton, for the reason that our fire service will be greatly improved, and without these extensions, our fire service has been declared by competent authority to be inadequate without a steam fire engine. The work to cost about \$19,000 and in no case to exceed \$20,000. George D. Soule, I. T. Churchill, J. C. Gilbert, A. R. McCallum, W. E. Trufant, Wm. Spellman, Wm. F. Coughlin, E. L. Morrill, E. C. Howard, A. D. B. Butler. Committee.

Voted that the report of the committee be accepted.

Article 3. Voted to authorize the selectmen under this article to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding \$20,000. Vote was taken by "Yes" and "No," check list being used.

Whole number of votes cast 287; "Yes" 258; "No" 29. declared a two-thirds vote.

Article 4. Voted under this article "Yes," and "No," check list being used. Total vote 116; "Yes," 112; "No,"

4. Declared a vote by two-thirds. Voted to instruct the water commissioners to expend an amount sufficient, not exceeding \$20,000, for the purpose of taking water from the Brockton system.

Article 5. Voted to authorize and instruct the selectmen to make a contract with Brockton under this article.

Article 6. Committee reported in writing. Placed on file.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to May 24, 1904, at eight o'clock. p. m.

May 24, 1904.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m.

Voted to accept the report of the committee under this article. Voted by "Yes" and "No," check list being used. Whole number of votes 205: "Yes," 70; "No," 65. Declared not a vote.

Articles 7, 8 and 9. Voted to pass over.

Article 11. Report of committee in writing, placed on file. Vote taken by "Yes" and "No." Total vote, 135; "Yes," 70; "No," 65. Declared not a vote.

Article 12. Voted to pass over.

Article 13. Committee reported as progress and asked for further time, which was granted.

Articles 14 and 15. Voted to lay on the table.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate under this article \$400.

Article 17. Voted to appropriate under this article \$350.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

MEETING CALLED FOR JUNE 15, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will raise and appropriate sixty thousand dollars to purchase the Bela Alden estate, situated on the northerly side of South avenue, and erect thereon a high school building and furnish the same, and remodel the present high school building for the use of the grades, and furnish the same, and to add two rooms to the Reed school. (On petition.)

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, upon the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of sixty thousand dollars for the purpose stated in Article 2; this loan to be paid three thousand dollars in the year 1905 and three thousand dollars each succeeding year for 19 years. (On petition.)

Article 4. To see if the town will appoint a committee to purchase the Bela Alden estate and to erect a high school building, and to remodel the present high school building, and to build addition to Reed school. (On petition.)

Article 5. To hear the report of the committee chosen to investigate the matter of establishing an almshouse and to act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to purchase the land of Zenas E. Peterson on School street for the sum of \$1500, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars for the erection of an almshouse and stable upon the Peterson land, and to choose a building committee.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, upon the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of seven thousand dollars, for the purpose stated in article 7, this loan to be paid one thousand in the year 1905 and one thousand each succeeding year for six years.

Article 9. To see if the town will purchase a lot of land on Pleasant street as a location for a fire station, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 10. To see if the town will choose a committee to procure plans for a new fire station at East Whitman and make an estimate of the cost of building the same, and report at some future town meeting. (On petition.)

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was chosen moderator, the check list being used.

Article 2. Moved to appropriate the sum of \$60,000. Ballot taken by "Yes" and "No," check list used. "Yes," 68; "No," 141.

Article 3. Voted to pass over.

Article 4. Voted to pass over.

Article 5. Committee reported progress and were granted further time.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to pass over.

Article 9. Moved to purchase the lot of land on Pleasant street, ballot taken by "Yes" and "No." "Yes," 69; "No," 74.

Article 10. Voted to appoint a committee under this article to consist of five. Committee appointed: Wm. F. Coughlin, A. D. B. Butler, Wm. C. Gurney, Charles Conant, Ezra S. Nutter.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

MEETING CALLED FOR JULY 12, 1904.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars to purchase land situated on the westerly side of Crescent street, and erect thereon a six-room school building and furnish the same.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, upon the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars for the

purpose stated in Article 2, this loan to be paid two thousand dollars in the year 1905, and two thousand dollars each succeeding year for ten years.

Article 4. To see if the town will appoint a committee to purchase the lot specified in Article 2, and to erect a school building thereon and furnish the same.

Article 5. To see if the town will purchase a lot of land on Pleasant street as a location for a fire station, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purchase of a lot of land southerly from Temple street, owned by Levi C. Vaughan and William E. H. Vaughan, for the use of the town as a public dump.

Article 7. To see if the town will elect annually six constables instead of five.

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was elected moderator, check list used.

Article 2. Moved to raise and appropriate twenty-two thousand dollars to purchase land and build a school building on Crescent street. Voted by "Yes," and "No," check list used. "Yes," 39; "No," 59. Declared not a vote.

Article 3. Voted to pass over.

Article 4. Voted to pass over.

Article 5. Moved that the town purchase a lot of land on Pleasant street as a location for a fire station and appropriate the sum of \$1000. Vote taken by "Yes" and "No," check list used. "Yes," 50; "No," 49. Declared not a vote, as it required a two-thirds vote. Isaiah T. Churchill appealed from the decision of the chair. The chair was sustained in his decision "Yes," 38; "No," 35. Isaiah T. Churchill gave notice that he should appeal from the decision of the town as being illegal.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

TOWN MEETING CALLED NOV. 8, 1904.

Meeting opened at 6 o'clock, a. m.

Closed at 8.50 o'clock p. m.

Total vote cast, 1336.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

Corregan and Cox, s. l	1
Debs and Hanford, s.	143
Parker and Davis, d.	346
Roosevelt and Fairbanks, r	728
Swallow and Carroll, p.	22
Weston and Tibbetts, p. p.	5

GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams, s.	112
John L. Bates, r	512
Michael T. Berry, s. l.	1
Oliver W. Cobb, p.	10
William L. Douglas, d.	655
Blanks	46

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Olaf Bokeland, s.	141
John C. Crosby, d.	453
Frank P. Dyer, p	23
Curtis Guild, Jr., r.	595
Moritz E. Ruther, s. l.	4
Blanks	120

SECRETARY.

James A. Bresnahan, s. l	24
Fannie J. Clary, p.	15
Charles C. Hitchcock, s	158
Henry B. Little, d.	331
William M. Olin, r	663
Blanks	145

TREASURER.

Herbert C. Bartlett, s.....	176
Arthur B. Chapin r.....	629
Edmund D. Codman, d.....	336
Andrew Mortensen s l.....	7
Willard O. Wylie, p.....	19
Blanks	169

AUDITOR.

Charles E. Burnham, p.....	23
Walter J. Hoar, s. l.....	13
Charles Stevens, s.....	176
Frank X. Tetrault, d.....	318
Henry E. Turner, r.....	635
Blanks	171

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry M. Deane, p.....	23
John P. Leahy, d.....	331
Herbert Parker, r.....	643
John Weaver Sherman, s.....	174
Thomas Stevenson, s. l.....	7
Blanks	158

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 14th DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Buttiner, d.....	315
Charles H. Coulter, s.....	253
Sherman E. Ellis, p.....	31
William C. Lovering, r.....	592
Blanks	145

COUNCILLOR (First District.)

Herbert L. Chipman, p.....	27
Roland C. Nickerson, r.....	610
Joseph C. Smith, s.....	304
Blanks	395

SENATOR (First Plymouth District.)

Charles B. Gaffney, p.....	25
William S. Kyle, r.....	616
Henry N. Magoun, d.....	288
Flavell S. Thomas. s.....	209
Blanks	198

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

(Fifth Plymouth District.)

Frank D. Bennett, d.	291
Warren S. Day, s.	224
Westbra B. Hatch, p.	18
Frank G. Wheatley, r.	607
Blanks.	196

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

David Burke, s.	196
Walter H. Faunce, r.	635
Jacob Hersey, p.	60
Nathaniel Morton, d.	284
Blanks.	161

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vacancy.)

Jere B. Howard, r.	623
Harry Morgan, d.	287
George W. Severance, p.	30
Zoel Thibadeau, s.	174
Blanks.	222

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS.

Francis Chamberlin, p.	29
Israel H. Hatch, p.	24
Isaac M. Jackson, d.	260
Walter M. Snow, d.	248
Albert Sprague, r.	570
Harry D. Stewart, s.	133
Ezekiel R. Studley, r.	501
Matthew Teehan, s.	172
Blanks.	735

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Southern District).

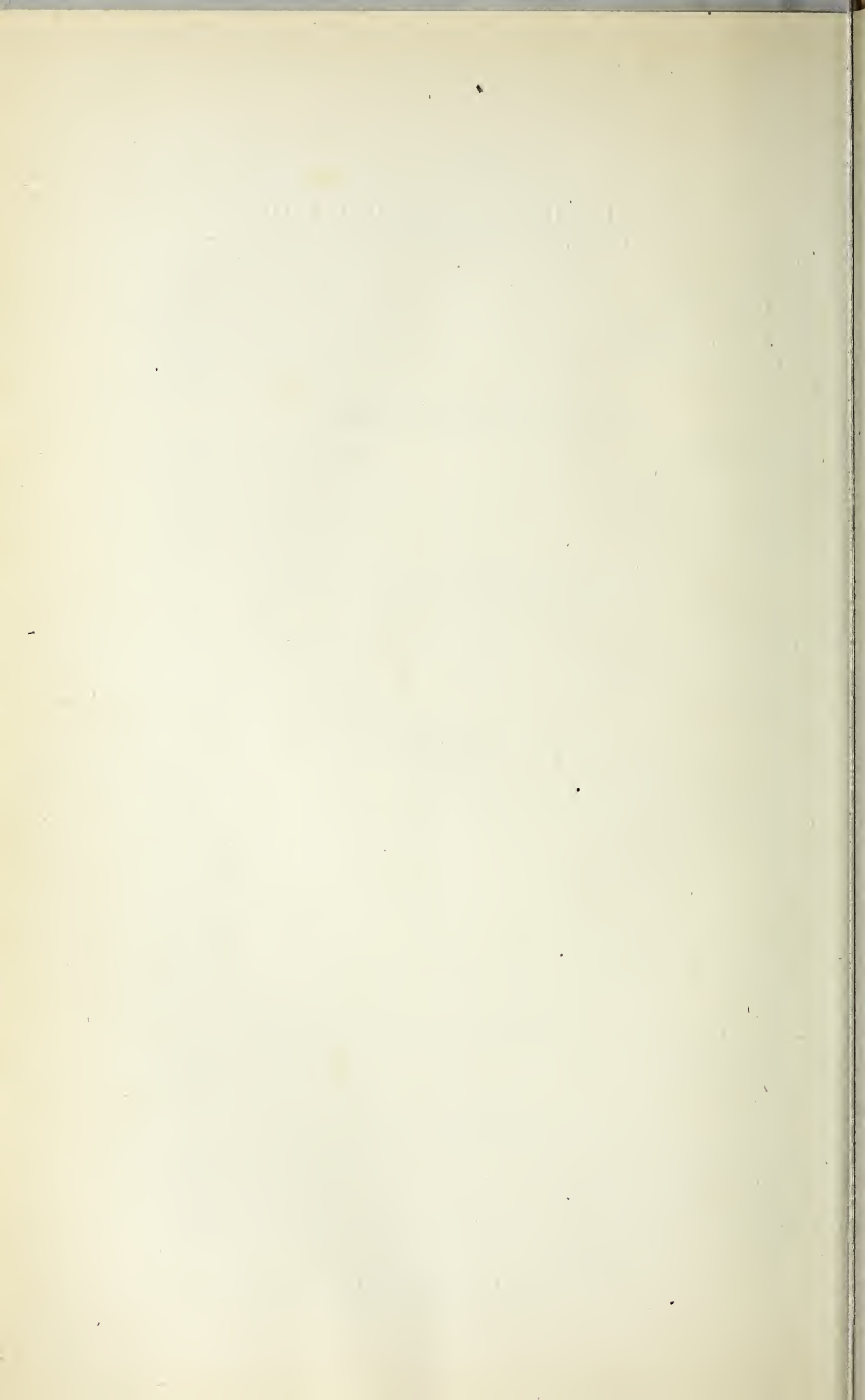
Asa P. French, d. and r.	751
John McCarthy, r.	240

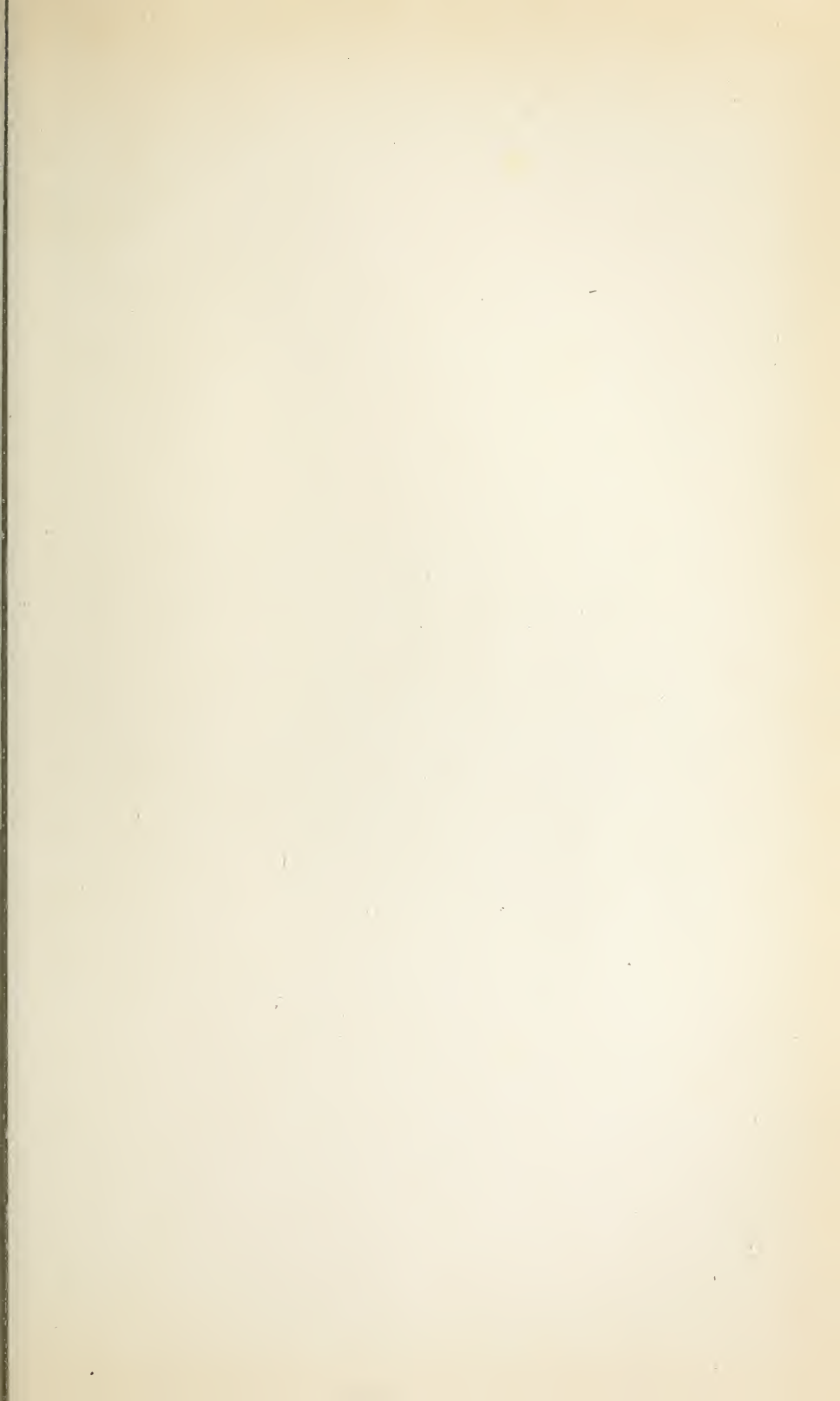
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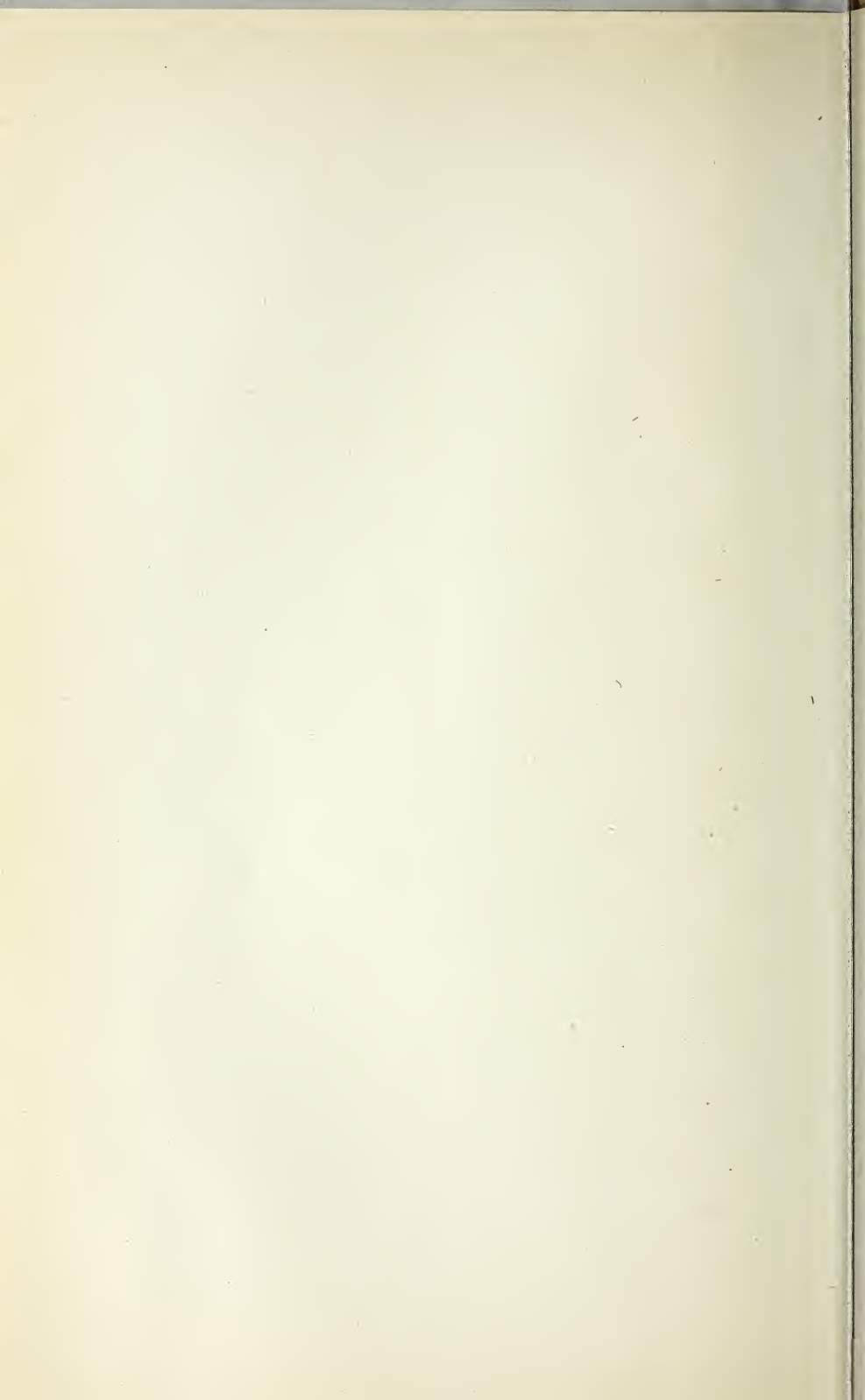
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John J. Ford, d.	267
Edward G. Knight, p.	18
Henry S. Porter, r.	685

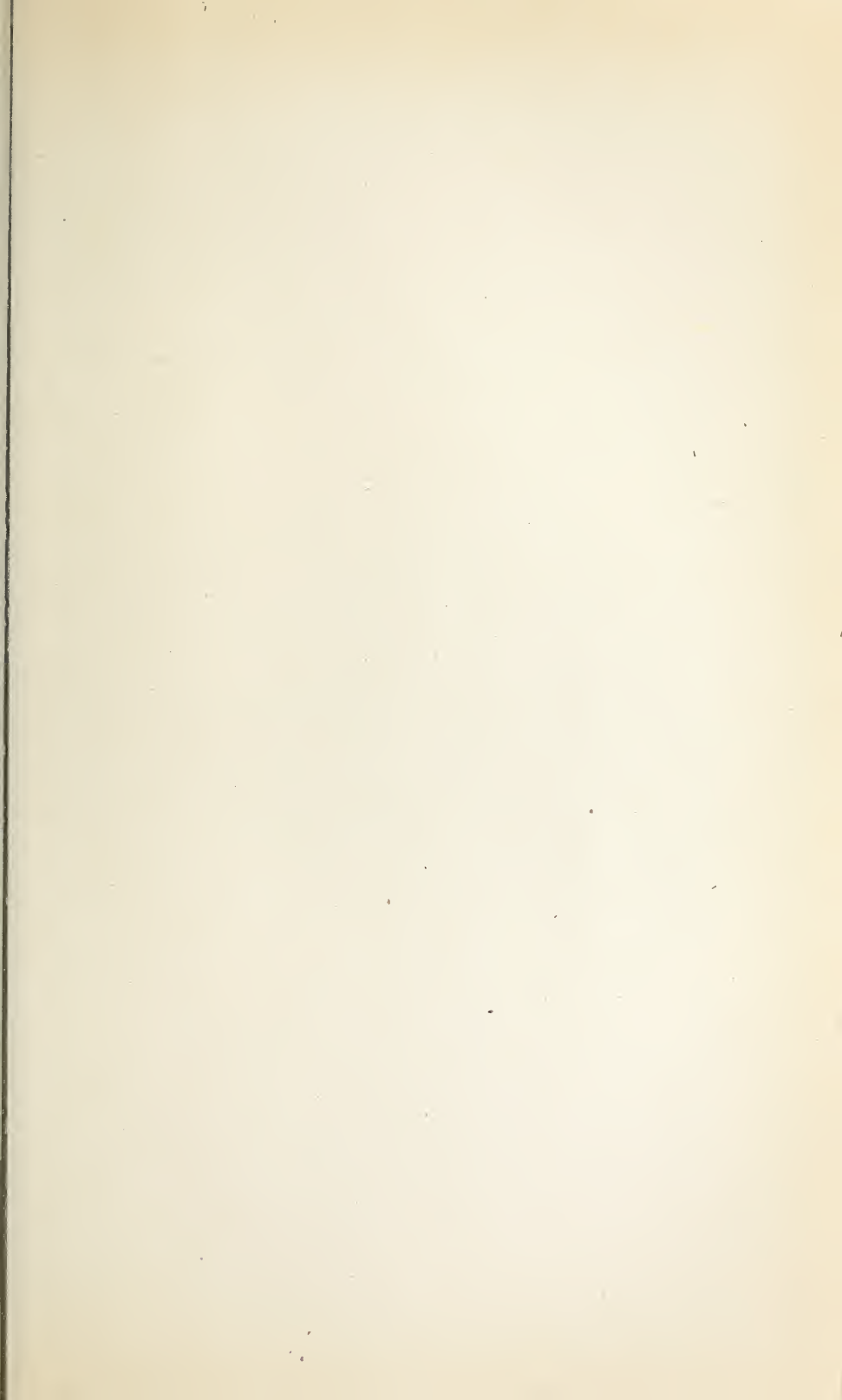
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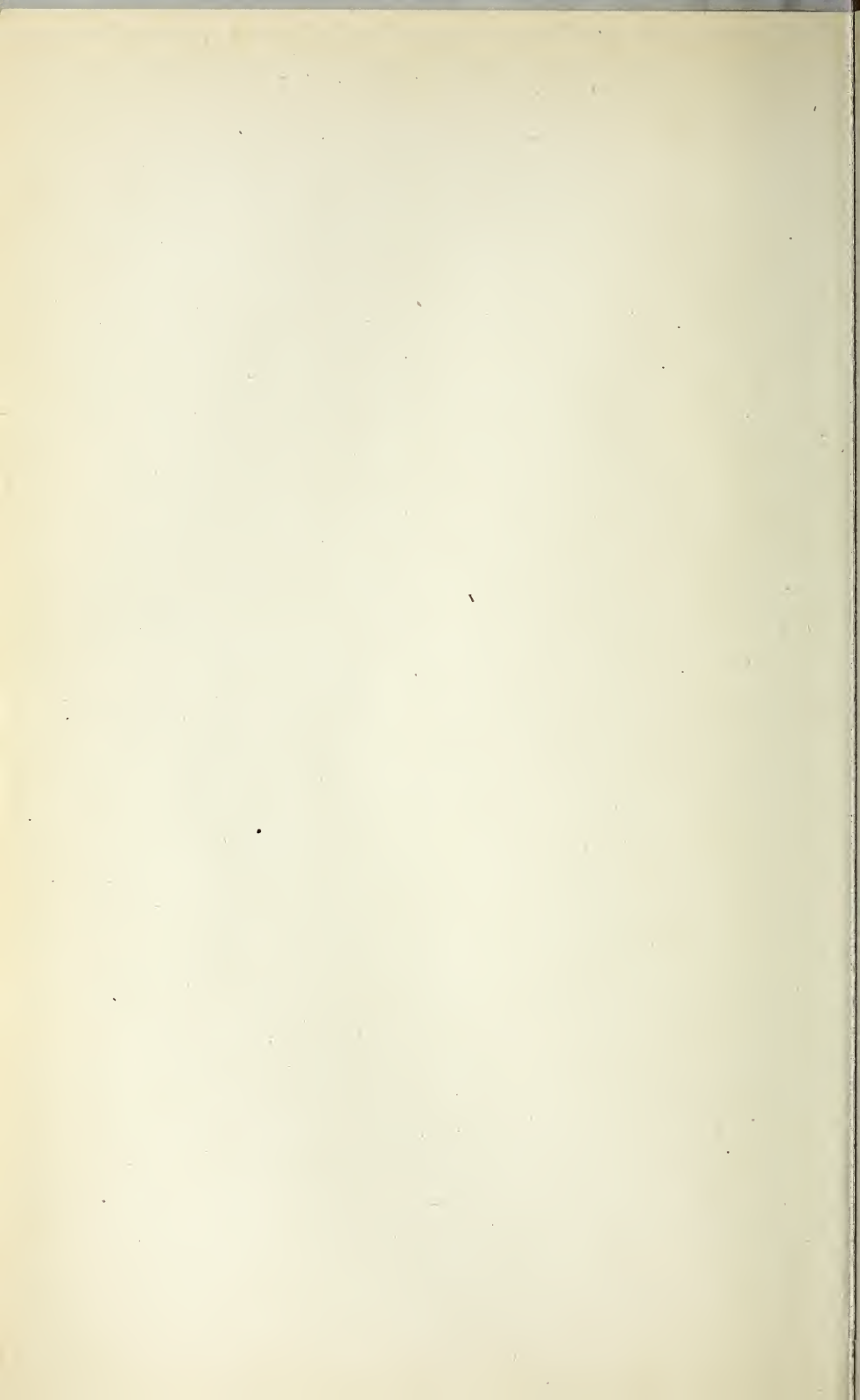
GEO. H. PEARSON, Town Clerk.

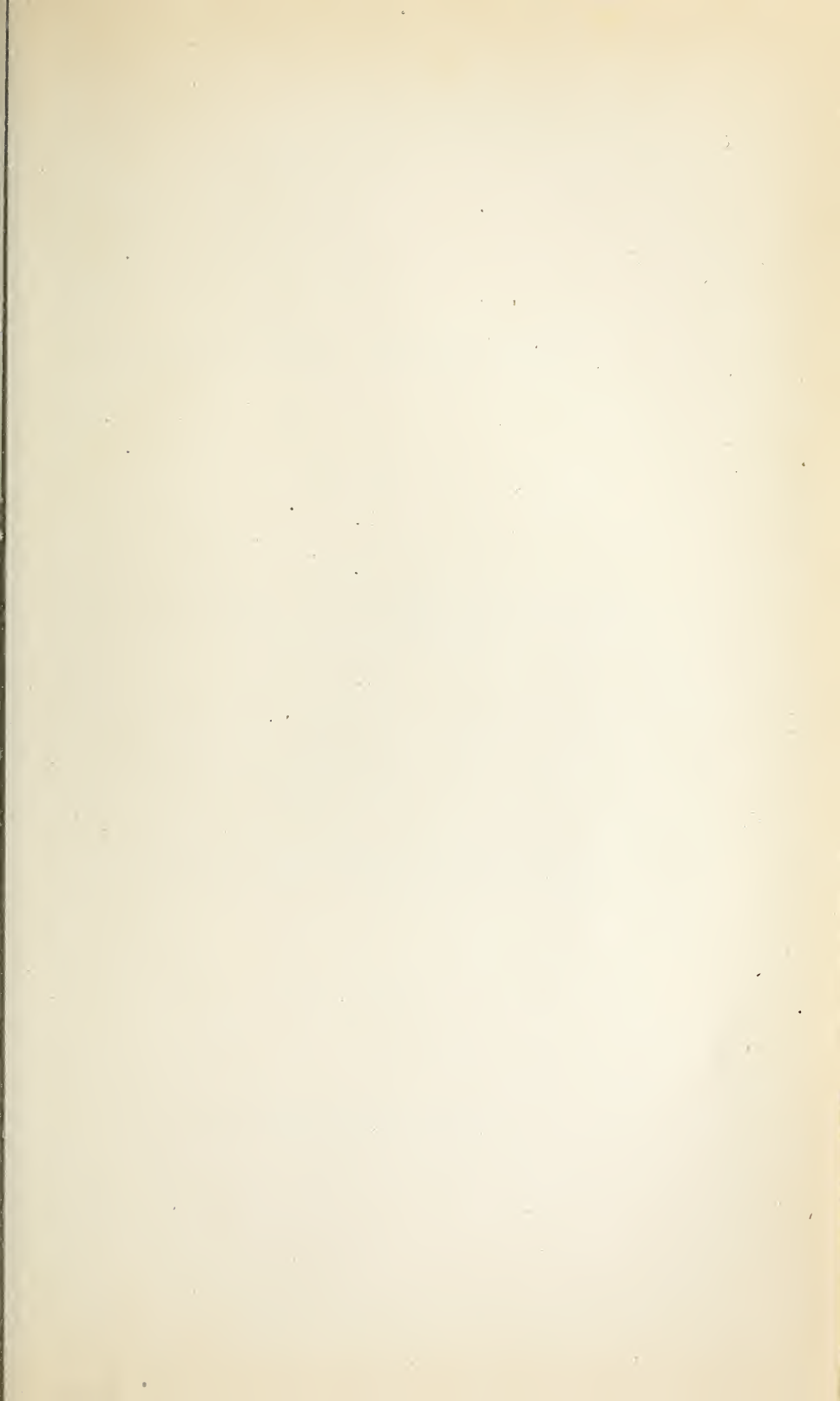


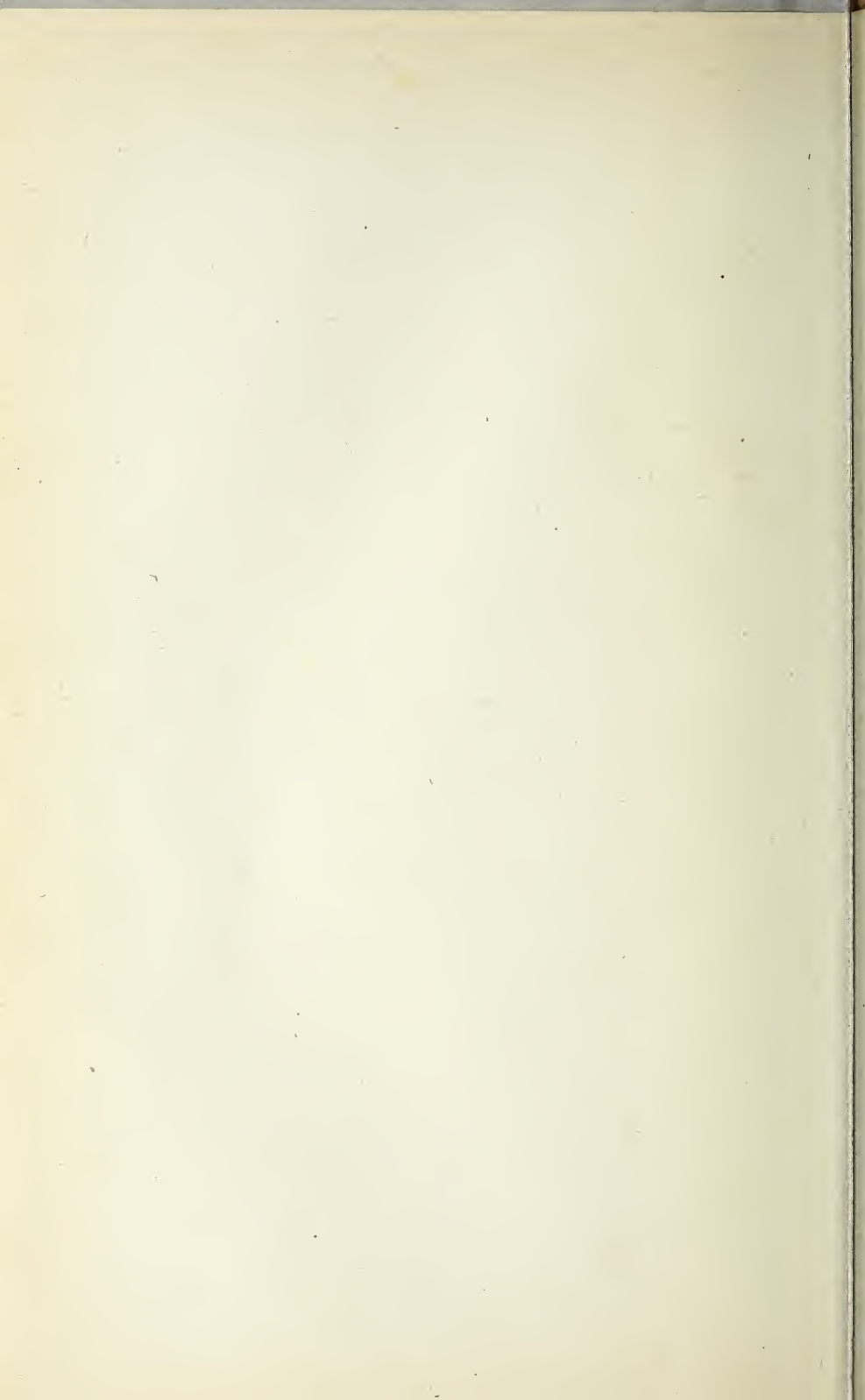












ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WHITMAN,

MASS

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1905.

The winter term will end Friday, March 24.

The spring term will begin Monday, April 3.

The school year will close Thursday, June 22.

The fall term will begin Tuesday, September 5.

The fall term will close Friday, December 22.

The winter term will begin Monday, January 1, 1906.

VACATIONS.

One week beginning Monday, March 27.

Ten weeks beginning Monday, June 26.

Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.

One week beginning December 25.

The legal holidays.

NO-SESSION SIGNALS.

The signal for no session of the schools will be 2—2 sounded four times on the fire alarm whistle and bells, and on the whistle of the Regal Shoe Co. if the alarm whistle is not in order. The hours at which it may be sounded are 7.30, 7.45, 8 A. M., 12.30 and 12.50 P. M.

If the signal is given at 7.30 A. M., there will be NO FORENOON SESSION OF ANY OF THE SCHOOLS.

If the signal is given at 7.45 A. M., there will be NO FORENOON SESSION IN ANY SCHOOL BELOW GRADE IX.

If the signal is given at 8 A. M., there will be a session in ALL the schools EXCEPTING IN GRADES I, II and III.

The signal at 12.30 P. M. will indicate NO AFTERNOON SESSION IN GRADES I, II and III.

The signal at 12.50 P. M. will indicate NO SESSION IN ANY OF THE GRADES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	TERM EXPIRES
MRS EUGENIA F. LOVELL	1905
ELMER W. NOYES.....	1906
WALTER E. TRUFANT.....	1907

ORGANIZATION.

MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL.....	Chairman
WALTER E. TRUFANT.....	Secretary

SUB-COMMITTEES.

MRS. E. F. LOVELL.....	{ High School. Reed School.
E. W. NOYES.....	{ Dyer School. Gurney School.
W. E. TRUFANT.....	{ Hastings School. Corthell School. Bates School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

HENRY M. WALRADT.....65 Court Street.

Office, Room 6, Town Office, Bank Block.

Office Hours, Mondays and Thursdays, 4 to 5 P. M., during term time.

REPORT.

We herewith present to the town our annual report together with the report of the Superintendent of Schools which the committee has adopted as a part of its report.

As was pointed out in last year's report the crowded condition of the schools was almost intolerable, and as the school year drew to a close, the results, shown by the standing of the pupils, made it still more imperative that something should be done.

The thorough and convincing work and report of the special committee appointed at the annual meeting deserves the thanks of all citizens. It failed to accomplish the work sought, only because the people did not give it the careful consideration it deserved. After the defeat in turn of each of the different plans brought forward at the three special town meetings, the School Committee, despairing of the town doing anything, immediately began to look for suitable room to be fitted for school purposes, and after carefully considering all plans suggested, decided that the best plan would be to use the Superintendent's office at the high school building as a recitation room in place of one of the larger rooms in the building, and to use the room so vacated for a part of the ninth grade. The first grade was then put on half time, but the average was still far above the number of pupils which a teacher should have in charge. Two plans were here presented, viz.:— to put Grade II also on half time, which involved a serious problem of transportation, or fitting up additional rooms. The majority of the committee thought the best interest of the children would be subserved by adopting the latter proposition. No place was found which was so available as the hose house on Temple street. This was fitted up by making one room on each of the two floors. This building is far from an ideal one for a school house, and is used simply as a temporary makeshift. It does not contain the approved system of ventila-

tion, although it is superior in this respect to the old-fashioned school house heated by stoves. This building has been inspected by the state police in response to complaints, and an order has been received to put in an extra stairway and brick or metal ventilating flues within a reasonable time. This would mean the putting in of about the same system of ventilation as has just been put in the Corthell school. The committee intended this building only for temporary use and do not think any more money should be expended upon it, and trust that the town will provide other quarters, so that its use can be discontinued.

For several years it has been increasingly hard to heat the high school building, and for some time it has been impossible to heat the superintendent's office. On investigation we found that the furnaces lacked draft and were otherwise out of repair. To heat this room and remedy the other defects we had the furnace repaired and an iron stack ten feet high, added to the chimney to improve the draft. The improved condition has amply warranted the expenditure, and the work done has perhaps saved a breakdown during term time, when the expense for the work would be greater, and the delay caused do serious injury to the school. The expense incurred has been charged to the account of "Increased School Accommodations," for which no appropriation was made. The expense of fitting up the Temple street school has also been charged to this account. A part of the expense of fitting up the Temple street school will not be lost when its use is discontinued, as the building will bring a higher price at a sale and a part of the fittings can be used in other schools.

The committee take especial pleasure in being able to announce the introduction of a commercial course in the high school. This was done in response to a demand which was privately expressed and was publicly advocated at the several town meetings.

The heating and ventilating system provided for in the Corthell school building by the appropriation at the last annual meeting, has been installed and water closets put in instead of the cremating system used in the older buildings. This building will now compare favorably with any similar building anywhere.

The committee feel that the children of Auburnville should have better accommodation and the Bates building should be re-

modelled to bring it up to present requirements, or something should be done toward transporting the pupils to other schools.

It will be noticed that the teachers have been paid for 41 weeks this year, which was necessary, as the school year and the financial year are not the same. It has been the custom to pay the teachers for three weeks in December, and five weeks in one of the spring months, but hereafter they will be paid in ten equal payments, one each month. The amount required for this extra week was \$432.87, so that it is evident that if we had paid for only forty weeks, we would, despite the hiring of extra teachers, have shown a handsome unexpended balance, if it had not been necessary to fix up the Temple street building.

To provide for putting the first grade on full time, and for the ninth grade, which cannot be accommodated in the high school another year, and the closing of the Temple street building, at least five additional rooms must be obtained somewhere.

It seems to the committee that the high school building must soon be enlarged and that the best plan is to use the present high school building for the lower grades and build a new building for the high school. If another building is built for the use of the lower grades this year, the problem will be more troublesome next year, when we will probably need more room for the high school.

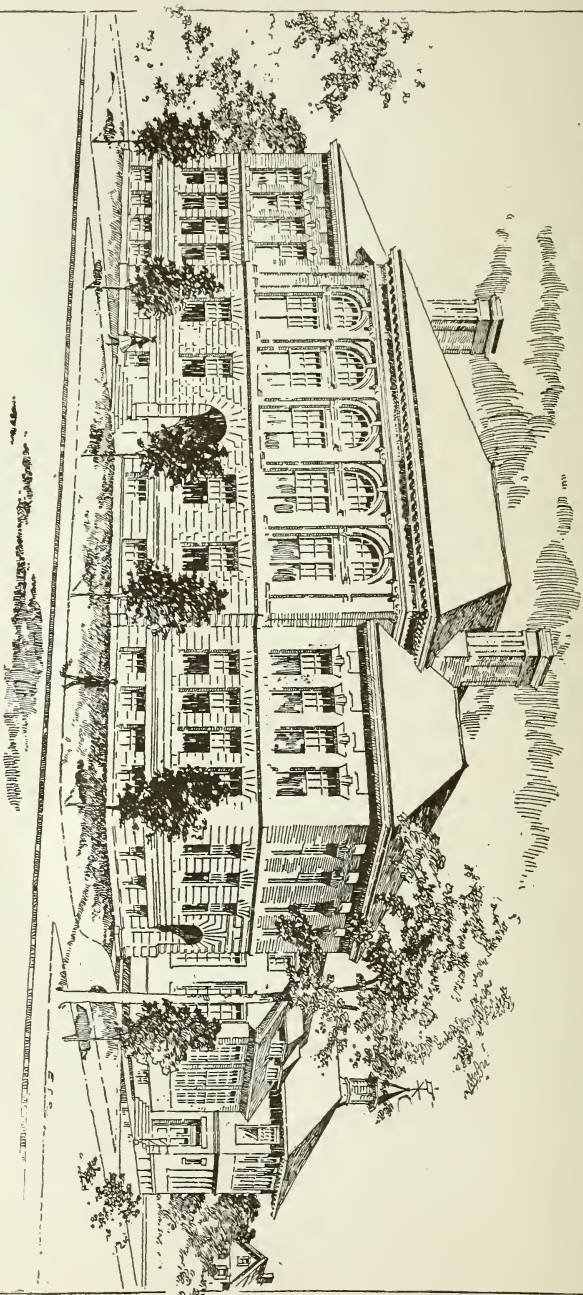
We think that the best plan is to build a two room addition to the Reed school, turn the present high school building around to face on Whitman avenue and equip it for the lower grades, and purchase the lot of George E. Hersey, on the west side of the present lot and build a high school building on both lots to face on South avenue. This will give a very fine lot in the most convenient place in town and will solve the school problem for many years to come. By this plan we save the old building and have a lot amply large for the new building, and also enough land to make a permanent driveway on the east side of the lot running from South avenue to Whitman avenue and the Park. The present driveway across the lot is always in poor condition, is unsightly and is liable to be closed at any time. The convenience of a good, permanent drive across the lot would be nearly sufficient to warrant the purchase of the Hersey lot, even if we did not wish to use it immediately.

We print on the two following pages a plan of the grounds, showing the position of the building and driveway as is proposed by the plan of the committee, and an elevation, showing the appearance of the exterior of the new building from South avenue, with the old one in the rear. The proposed new building is designed for 350 pupils and has beside, an assembly hall on the upper floor, seating about 450.

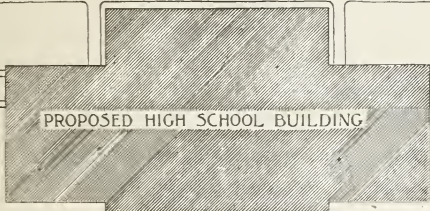
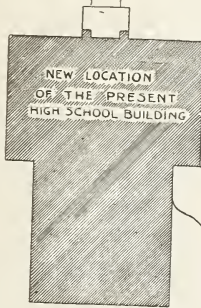
The plans were made by Charles A. Brigham of Boston, whose work is well known here.

PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

CHARLES A. BRIGHAM, ARCHITECT.



WHITMAN AVE



SOUTH AVE.

PROPOSED ROADWAY

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WHITMAN :

The year covered by this report has been memorable. In no previous year, possibly, were the public schools more generally the subject of public and private discussion. Interest has not centered upon the work of the schools, the expense of their maintenance, the merits of the teachers, or the product of the schools as exhibited in the boys and girls. The subject of most frequent discussion has been the need of more schoolrooms and the efforts to secure them. This is the uppermost subject of thought to-day ; and yet it is not inappropriate to pause for a moment to notice that in a quiet and unobtrusive manner the schools are doing excellent work ; that the few innovations in administration show no radical attempt to revolutionize the system ; that the working force is inspired with a zeal to keep pace with the best of modern ideas but is glad to retain everything that has demonstrated its value heretofore ; and that even the more thoughtful children seem determined to justify every dollar of expense that a public-spirited town has voted for their proper training.

THE TEACHING FORCE.

The adjustment of the schools to an improved basis resulted in numerous assignments to new service, but increased the number of teachers by only one. Conditions imposed by the return of pupils from the Temple Street school to the Reed school necessitated the appointment of a second additional teacher. Miss Moore divides her time between the High school and the Dyer school section of the ninth grade. Miss Stebbins assists in the work of the Reed school.

With proper accommodations, two teachers can do the work of the ninth grade next year, giving the additional teacher full time in the High school, for work which will be required by the commercial course and by the larger membership of that school.

The changes from last year will appear in detail in the appendix to this report.

PROMOTIONS.

Near the close of the last school year, when the subject of promotions became especially prominent, the evils of over-large classes, continued through a period of several years, were vividly impressed upon those whose duties required them to classify the children for the new school year. Through no fault of former superintendents, or of the overworked teachers, or of the under-taught pupils, but in consequence of the impossibility of giving pupils of slower intellect or of inferior ambition the personal attention necessary to their satisfactory progress, many pupils were unfit for higher grades. Throughout the year many pupils remained in classes for which they were never qualified but which they had been allowed to enter because of the continued and overwhelming pressure from below.

The culmination of these evils was apparent in the High school and in the ninth grade. In the High school were pupils who, for want of proper preparation, had never kept the proper pace. Some fell by the wayside during the year. In June too large a proportion of the ninth grade were unfit to enter the High school. Under the circumstances it was plain that to treat all the pupils according to their attainments would be an injustice. It was accordingly decided that every pupil for whose success in advanced work even the faintest hope was entertained should be given a trial in the next higher grade. Under the better conditions of the present year, a few of the pupils so tried have held their places; but more have been unable to do the necessary work.

The trouble will not wholly disappear this year. The loss of previous years cannot be overcome wholly in one year. Consideration of this fact will therefore be necessary in determining promotions next June. Nevertheless, progress is apparent, the lines can be more closely drawn this year, and with classes of proper size, taught by competent teachers, the outlook for the future is hopeful.

CONFORMITY TO STATE LAW.

After the annual school census had been taken, it was com-

pared with a list of pupils enrolled in the public schools. Compliance with the compulsory attendance laws of the State was found to be nearly universal. The truant officer was directed to look after the few cases that needed attention. If children now living in Whitman are not fully conforming to the State law, citizens will perform a public service by calling the attention of the committee or of the superintendent to the fact.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

At a small increase in the annual expense for books and supplies, the equipment of the schools has been greatly improved. More and cleaner books are now in the hands of the pupils, although some books, worthy of consignment to junk-shop or fire, are still in use. The extension of the commercial course in the High school, and the increased membership in all the schools will call for another small increase of expense for books and supplies during the year 1905.

AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATES.

The large number of age and schooling certificates issued by the superintendent is worthy of notice. Fortunately the compulsory attendance laws prohibit issuing these certificates to children under fourteen years of age. This is the lowest age at which children should be allowed to leave school. The superintendent willingly issues certificates to some children and reluctantly signs them for others. In the case of boys and girls, over fourteen years of age, who have little ability and less zeal for school work, who are merely killing time in school, who retard the progress of more worthy pupils and who, often, are a thorn in the side of their teachers, the occupation of bread winning will contribute more, perhaps, to the development of good citizenship than continued listlessness in school can contribute. Certainly their withdrawal from school is unlikely to work great harm to them and is sure to release a portion of the teachers' energy for application to more promising pupils.

On the other hand, when pupils of ability and zeal, possibly half through a high school course—pupils whom advanced education would develop for high service and for the probable leader-

ship of men—leave school for the few dollars that they can earn by leaving, the superintendent regrets that his influence is insufficient to hold them to the work already well begun. If these words come to the notice of even one parent, who, as the result of reading them, reaches a wise conclusion regarding his own boy or girl, the space occupied by them will not be used in vain.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

A year ago the superintendent's report contained these words: "The most noticeable and at the same time the most discouraging feature of the school system of this town is the crowded condition of nearly every schoolroom." It was hoped that the town would rise to the occasion and improve conditions that had become almost intolerable. As the date of the annual town meeting approached, there seemed to be a nearly unanimous opinion that relief must be provided and a considerable majority of the people expected an appropriation for that purpose. A special committee was appointed to consider the question. "No better committee could have been found" seemed to be the common belief. After a careful and exhaustive investigation, this special committee brought in an unanimous report, indorsed unanimously by the school committee and superintendent, recommending the erection of a new high school and the conversion of the existing high school into a building for the higher grammar grades. A large majority of the assembled voters approved the report, but the legal requirement of a two-thirds vote for the necessary appropriation defeated, by a narrow margin, a well-matured plan for properly housing the school children of the town.

Disheartened, but not discouraged, the school committee continued to urge the town to action but additional town meetings produced no results. The nature of the plans submitted in these additional meetings needs no mention here.

Realizing their responsibility for the children of Whitman and fully expecting an increased membership for the year 1904-1905, the committee and the superintendent gave many hours of anxious thought to the problem forced upon them by the town's neglect. Without exercising the committee's unquestionable legal

power, unauthorized by vote of the town, to erect suitable school buildings, a proper solution of the problem was impossible. So radical an exercise of its power seemed inexpedient, but relief was imperative and various plans were taken into consideration. In general these plans contemplated (1) finding rooms that could be utilized for additional schoolrooms; (2) excluding all children below Grade II; (3) putting Grade I, and perhaps, other grades on half-time. Suitable rooms could nowhere be found and unsuitable rooms were few. Complete exclusion of pupils seeking admission appeared undesirable. Finally it became apparent that with allowance for the expected increase of school population the attendance in every schoolroom, except the principal's room at the Dyer school, would be brought below fifty by the following method of relief.

The plan adopted was as follows: The superintendent vacated his office in the High school and thirty-six ninth-grade pupils were assigned to that building. The old hose house on Temple street was converted into a two-room building. All first-grade pupils (except those at the Bates school) were grouped in two sections, each section attending school half a day only. New district lines were adopted in order to effect a proper distribution of pupils and a proper system of grading.

These innovations provided three new schoolrooms and the half-time arrangement was equivalent to an addition of about one and one-half more rooms.

Uncomplaining acquiescence in all these changes was not expected. It is a pleasure, however, to record how loyally nearly all of the parents, even when seriously inconvenienced, sustained the action of the committee.

Because of its distance from other schools, relief for the Reed school was peculiarly difficult. Its eighth-grade pupils were sent to the Dyer and Temple street schools. This was an inconvenience to many and a hardship to some. It soon became evident that the parents of these pupils were entitled to consideration. A public hearing was given. East Whitman speakers expressed a preference for crowding the Reed school another year rather than for the relief that had already been provided. The suggestion of transportation at public expense met with little favor.

The request of the East Whitman parents was granted and their children returned to the Reed school. To make place for the returning pupils, sixth-grade children, previously assigned to the care of Miss Nash, were transferred to Mrs. Cobb's room. This explains the large number of pupils assigned to Mrs. Cobb and the smaller classes taught by Miss Luther and Miss Morse.

Before passing to the consideration of the present situation, allusion to the Temple street school is appropriate. No member of the school committee voted to use the old hose house believing that it could be converted into an ideal schoolhouse or thinking that it was to serve for any other purpose than a makeshift device for relief. The superintendent knew in advance, no less fully than he knows now, that it would fall far short of the accommodations necessary to satisfy proper civic pride and to fulfil the duty of the town. All connected with the administration of the school department admit valid objections, even while disagreeing with some unsustained criticisms of the building.

The superintendent will not be drawn into controversy in this matter, but is willing to record his belief that the building has aided in removing great evils; that it has contributed to the noticeable improvement of the schools; that it marks the abandonment of a "do nothing" policy; and that the children have lost nothing physically, intellectually or morally in comparison with what would have been their lot had the increased membership (averaging forty since September) been packed into the already overcrowded rooms of last year. The State inspector, while withholding his approval of the building, deems it inexpedient, under the circumstances, to order the discontinuance of the school. At the same time he does not wish its use to extend beyond the current school year; and the superintendent emphatically pleads once more for accommodations that will conform, in every respect, to State requirements, to local gratification, and, above all, to the highest welfare of the children of Whitman.

A close study of the situation during the past year has simplified the solution of the problem. East Whitman needs two more schoolrooms. These can be provided readily by enlarging the Reed school. The sentiment of all parts of the town seems to favor providing these rooms.

Last June the superintendent's estimate of the highest membership of the High school during the present year was 150 or more. In October the actual number was 154. A conservative estimate for the next school year is at least 175. The figures given in this paragraph do not include ninth-year pupils. Already, when one of the supervising teachers is at work, the number of rooms available for use is one less than the number of teachers. The room now occupied by grammar school pupils is sorely needed by the High school. The removal of the superintendent's office from its proximity to the supply room is a great inconvenience. Drawing in the High school suffers because no room can be used exclusively for that study. Time is lost in moving materials back and forth and kinds of drawing that cannot be finished at one sitting are exposed to danger by disturbance. The beginning of the commercial course indicates a desire for it. Two classes, numbering seventy pupils, already take it. Next year the number of classes will be larger. Its extension calls for the introduction of typewriters, which need a special room, and which ought to be provided next year. A special room for advanced commercial instruction, fitted with some of the appliances of good business colleges, will be needed not later than a year from September and could be used now to good advantage. No citizen willing to give more than a passing thought to the welfare of our High school can fail to recognize the urgent need of a larger and better building for its use.

To remove the evil of seating grammar school pupils in an already overtaxed high school, to relieve the pressure upon the principal's room at the Dyer school and upon other rooms, to do away with the Temple Street school, to provide for an annually increasing membership, to put first-year pupils on full time next year and to economize the time of the superintendent in the care and distribution of supplies, several more rooms are needed. Where shall the new High school be located? How shall the other needed rooms be provided?

I am pleased to know that the committee have unanimously decided to answer these questions in a manner that will appear in the following paragraphs:

The agitation of the subject last year showed a strong desire

for a new high school, but at the same time brought to notice a sentimental clinging to the present location. Predictions were made that the new building, when erected, would stand on nearly the same site as the present building. As the first step, apparently, in a comprehensive provision for school needs, the town should erect a new high school, either upon the present lot, or upon the present lot enlarged by purchase of land west of it and fronting on South avenue.

To provide for the proper placing of the new building the present building must be removed, either by demolition, or by change of location. A wealthy town might properly destroy a building so defective in its present condition and so difficult to convert into an ideal modern building. But a due consideration of the tax rate leads to the conclusion that the town should endeavor to get a few more years of service from the old building. Furthermore the old building must be preserved, at least, until rooms can be provided to take its place. Nothing should be done to reduce, even temporarily, the present number of schoolrooms.

A competent mover of buildings has declared the feasibility of moving the old building. It can be turned, moved back, and made to front on Whitman avenue.

When placed upon its new foundation the building can be changed, at small expense, into a serviceable building for several of the higher grammar grades. This would greatly benefit many children living east of the building, who are now required to attend the Hastings school. It would also leave the Hastings school open for the admission of children from parts of the section now served by the Temple Street school. The expense of installing its heating and ventilating plant could not properly be charged to increased accommodations, because in its present location the building sadly needs a new system of heat and ventilation.

Another consideration favoring the changes already suggested is the possibility of opening, for permanent use by the town, a commodious passage, on the eastern side of the present High school lot, from South avenue to Whitman avenue. In view of the great distance from Washington street to Court street, a permanent parallel street between them is necessary. The continu-

ous use, by vehicles and by pedestrians, of the High school lot, indicates the need of a new street, and suggests the inconvenience and dissatisfaction that would result if communication between the two avenues were limited to the more circuitous routes. The probable cost of suitably locating a street on land to be purchased for the purpose, may properly be placed, in thought, at least, to the credit of the account for new school accommodations, even if the actual bookkeeping shows no such figures.

A summary of the advantages that will come from following these suggestions is now in order. First, all the present make-shift arrangements, the inevitable dissatisfaction with them, the long-continued stigma upon the honor of the town because of its neglect to provide suitable quarters for its school children, will be eliminated. Second, all sections of the town will have schools of proper size and conveniently located. Third, the High school will emerge from its cramped quarters, its imperfect facilities for modern work, its unsatisfactory sanitary arrangements, into a building of ample size, planned on the best lines known to educators and architects of the present day, and giving the school its needed opportunity for expansion and improvement. Fourth, at the present rate of growth the town will have schoolrooms enough for a period of about seven years. Fifth, on one of its principal thoroughfares, its citizens will be able to point with pride to one conspicuous public edifice—the only public building, justifying, in such a town as Whitman, the exhibition of special exultation. Sixth, it will open for all time a convenient passage between two important avenues.

This plan has been adopted by the committee in the belief that it embodies the most effective means for providing the relief that by common consent is necessary. The superintendent is in hearty sympathy with the plan. As superintendent, however, and as citizen, he desires to pledge himself, in the most formal way, to accept any other plan that may be adopted and to give his best effort to make it effective. This is the essence of good citizenship in such a crisis as the town now faces. Our duty to the children is plain. They must have opportunities worthy of the town in which their lot has been cast. We must enter the town meeting with our faces toward the future. Past mistakes,

past disappointments, past loss of opportunities, should not keep public spirited citizens from planting both feet firmly upon this platform: "Something shall be done. The year 1905 shall be a red-letter year in the the school history of Whitman."

AN HONORED TEACHER.

In September a new principal was installed in the Hastings school to take the place made vacant by the voluntary retirement of one of Whitman's best known and most honored teachers. After many years of painstaking, loving, intelligent and successful service, during which many of her pupils have grown into maturity and under whose influence some developed traits that have given them a prominent place among the world's useful men, Miss Deborah A. Partridge, who, in some instances, is to-day revered by both father and son, both former pupils, decided to take a well-deserved rest, and resigned the position to which she was unanimously re-elected near the close of the last school year. Yet we cannot get along without her, and in obedience to the instincts of the true teacher, she still heeds our summons to occasional service. May her years of partial rest be many. May she long retain sufficient vigor to do something for the cause of education. Of her continued zeal we may confidently rest assured.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I congratulate this town upon its financial ability to provide the rooms now needed for the proper development of its public school system; the committee, for its liberal use of time to consider the unusually complicated and perplexing problems of school administration with which they have been confronted; the teachers, upon the opportunity to teach under conditions more nearly normal than the conditions of a year ago; the pupils, upon the greater personal attention that is possible with the classes of smaller size. I wish also to express my appreciation of the patience with which parents have received decisions of the superintendent, sometimes contrary to their requests, and sometimes based upon delay in granting them relief which they desired and which he was eager to grant them at his first opportunity. The careful consideration given by the committee to my suggestions, their generous support of my official acts,

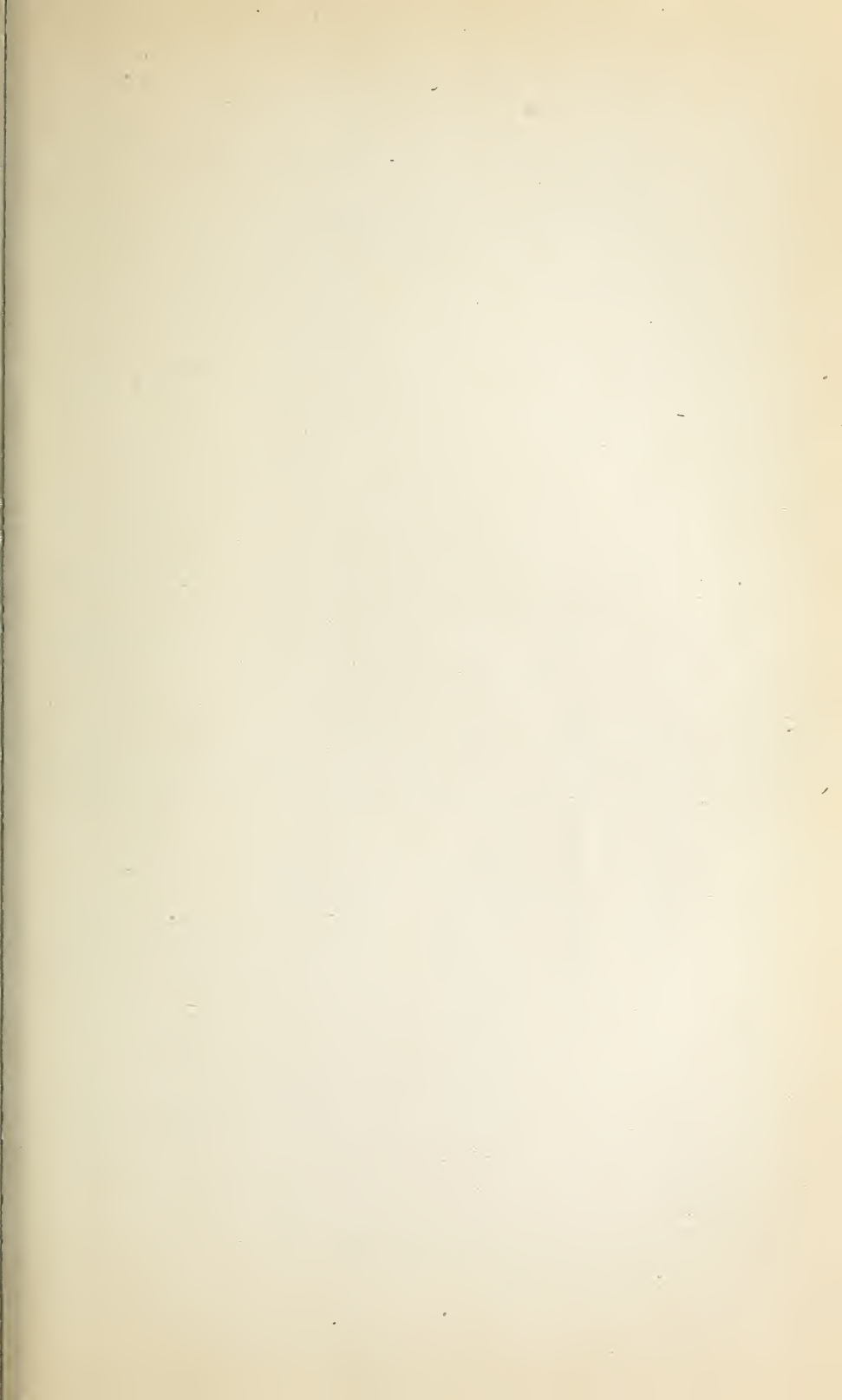
and their personal friendship I appreciate highly. The cordial co-operation of the teachers, their evident appreciation of my support' their loyalty, even in the trying times when (in a few instances) some needed, from the superintendent's point of view, criticism designed to be helpful, deserves my grateful acknowledgment. I shall be surprised if, with so many conditions favoring the welfare of the schools, we do not find, in reviewing the events of the current year, abundant cause for congratulation. If the one great need—additional schoolrooms—be duly satisfied, the opening of the new rooms may well be expected to witness the inauguration of an era of unparalleled prosperity in the department which we are privileged to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. WALRADT,

Superintendent of Schools.

Jan. 23, 1905.



MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 1904.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	ENROLLED.			Total Members ^p	Average Members ^p	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
High	{ Dudley L. Whitmarsh, Principal, Margaret A. Gaffney, 1st Assistant, Carrie E. Hodge, Assistant, Lydia R. Smith, Assistant, Katharine F. Cody, Assistant,	X-XIII.	54	76	130	130	119.0	113.7	95.7
Bates	Pearl Pennington,	I-IV.	13	19	32	34	27.6	24.2	88.0
Corthell	{ M. Gertrude Gaffney, Principal, Laura I. Hutchinson, Assistant,	II, III, I, II.	25 21	27 20	52 41	55 47	51.2 42.5	47.4 37.7	92.7 88.8
Dyer	{ William L. Cogins, Principal, Annie E. G. Bickford, Assistant, Joanna F. Fullerton, Assistant, Elizabeth B. Bosworth., Assistant, Harriet M. Woodbury, Assistant, Jennie M. Howe, Assistant, Grace G. Coles, Assistant,	IX. IX. VI, VII. V, VI. III, IV. I, II, I, IV.	23 26 30 27 27 29	26 17 23 30 39 28	49 43 53 57 66 57	50 44 59 60 71 65	43.9 40.2 51.3 55.5 61.7 53.5	41.0 37.8 47.7 52.5 56.6 48.1	93.2 94.0 93.0 94.6 91.7 89.0
	{ Celia S. Snow, Principal, Frances L. Hayward, Assistant, Jessie L. Holmes, Assistant, Hannah Clifford, Assistant, Sarah L. Dinsmore, Asst. and Prin. Anna Geogan, Assistant, Florence M. Edwards, Assistant, Edith E. Lincoln, Assistant,	IV, V. VI, VII. II, III, I, II.	25 31 23 26	26 28 24 23	51 59 47 51	63 64 58 58	53.5 60.3 49.3 50.7	49.2 56.4 45.2 44.8	90.9 93.5 91.3 88.2

Hastings	{ Deborah A. Partridge, Principal,	27	23	50	58	49.3	45.5	92.3
	{ Grace G. Luther, Assistant,	28	37	65	68	54.6	50.4	92.3
	{ Eloise M. Prentiss, Assistant,	15	32	47	54	46.6	43.1	92.4
	{ Clara E. McGreevy, Assistant,	21	25	46	52	43.5	40.5	93.2
Reed	{ Emma R. Nash, Principal,	20	20	40	54	50.2	49.4	98.4
	{ MaBelle Cobb, Assistant,	38	24	62	66	59.7	57.0	96.7
	{ Katharine A. Collins, Assistant,	28	14	42	46	4.14	39.6	95.6
	{ Emma R. Maloy, Assistant,	37	32	63	75	63.9	55.8	87.3
	{ Leila R. Gurney, Assistant,							
	{ A. Gertrude Jones, Drawing, S. Jessie Merrill, Music,							

Miss Coles, Miss Gurney and Miss Geogan were not in charge of a room. Miss Coles began service Nov. 1, 1903; Miss Hayward, May 2, 1904. Miss Clifford taught from Dec. 10, 1903, to Dec. 18, 1903. Miss Dinsmore was assistant from Jan. 1, 1904, to April 29, 1904, and principal during the remainder of the year. Miss Holmes' service ended Dec. 9, 1903. Miss Snow was principal until April 29, 1904.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

1. AVERAGE MEMBER- SHIP.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	190
High School.	109.95	121.45	123.18	144.39	133.92	*92 58	90.86	99.75	98.51	95 0	119
Dyer School.	292.43	265.15	250.95	269.74	291.55	298.93	301.91	303.86	318.97	291 0	306
Reed School.	148.90	152.40	160.57	159.48	175.82	195.28	196.91	186.73	192.04	203.7	215
Hastings Sch.	124.07	149.62	164.91	175.07	177.68	198.35	219.95	190.22	203.77	195.4	194
Corthell Sch.	97.70	98.01	106.87	99.78	104.47	111.05	107.12	101.33	94.00	98.2	93
Gurney Sch..	95.53	105.04	113.90	112.76	134.94	151.27	139.78	194.17	186.84	205.5	213
Bates School.	29.20	26.33	27.50	28.38	32.63	31.03	28.33	33 51	25.48	27.4	27
Totals.....	897.78	918.04	947.88	989.60	1051.01	1078.49	1084.86	1109.57	1119.61	1116.2	1169

2. AVERAGE ATTEND- ANCE.											
High School.	106.18	116.53	118.75	140.28	129.55	89.32	87.14	95.45	92.69	90.2	113
Dyer School.	276.29	243.61	237.75	254.94	278 10	277.79	277.51	281.82	294.63	261.9	283
Reed School.	138.20	142.29	154.71	153.81	170.96	185.25	185.97	177.78	183 06	195.2	201
Hastings Sch.	116.57	141.58	155.25	165.38	168.77	184.47	204.75	170.99	186.05	180.3	179
Corthell Sch.	88.60	89.31	98.49	92.40	97.91	101.65	97.26	93.23	84.36	83.8	85
Gurney Sch..	87.81	93.96	107.10	103.63	126.94	137.28	128.07	179.25	167.86	182.2	195
Bates School.	28.04	24.05	26.01	26.46	31 01	28.88	26.53	30.41	22.54	24.9	24
Totals,	841.69	851.33	898.06	936.90	1003.24	1004.64	1007.23	1028.93	1031.19	1018.5	1083

3. PER CENT. OF ATTEND- ANCE.											
High School.	96.57	95.91	96.40	97.15	96.73	96.47	96.00	95.68	94.09	94.9	95.
Dyer School.	94.51	91.87	94 74	94.51	95.07	92.59	91.91	92.65	92.40	90.0	92.
Reed School..	92.81	93.36	96.36	96.44	97.23	95.63	94.10	95.77	95.32	95.8	93.
Hastings Sch.	93.95	94.62	94.14	94.46	94.98	92.91	93.08	92.14	91.30	92.3	92.
Corthell Sch.	90.68	91.12	93.09	92.50	93.51	91.30	90.79	91.55	89.74	85.3	90.
Gurney Sch..	91.91	89.45	94.02	91.90	94.07	89.96	91.62	91.01	89.04	88.7	91.
Bates Sch....	96.02	91.34	94.58	93.23	95.03	93.07	81.40	92.72	88.46	90.9	88.
For all sch'ls.	93.75	92.73	94.74	94.67	95.45	93.15	92 80	92.73	92.10	91.2	92.

*Ninth year pupils no longer admitted to the High School.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 27, 1905.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOL.	GRADE	SERVICE BEGAN.	EDUCATED	RESIDENCE.
Dudley L. Whitmarsh,.....	High.	10-13	Jan., 1894.	Bates College	659 Washington Street.
Margaret A. Gaffney,.....	"		Sept., 1887.	Boston University,	25 Park Avenue.
Carrie E. Hodge,.....	"		Sept., 1894.	Bridgewater Normal School.	85 Whitman Avenue.
Katharine F. Cody,.....	"		Sept., 1900.	Boston University.	325 Commercial Street.
Mabel F. Moore,.....	"		Oct., 1904.	Boston University.	85 Whitman Avenue.
Susan R. Scott,.....			Dec., 1904.	Brown University.	34 Stetson Street.
Pearl Pennington,.....	Bates.	1-4	Sept., 1903.	Bridgewater Normal School.	734 Bedford Street.
M. Gertrude Gaffney,.....	Corthell.	3-4	Jan., 1899.	Boston Normal School.	25 Park Avenue.
Laura I. Hutchinson,.....	"	1-2	April, 1899.	Bridgewater Normal School.	91 Alden Street.
William L. Coggins,.....	Dyer.	9	Sept., 1903	Castine Normal School	20 Blake Street.
Annie E. G. Bickford, (Annex) ..	"	9	Sept., 1898.	Bridgewater Normal School.	677 Washington Street.
Mabel F. Moore,.....	"	9	Oct., 1904.	Boston University.	85 Whitman Avenue.
Grace G. Luther,.....	"	8	April, 1890.	Bridgewater Normal School.	South Hanson, Mass.
Joanna F. Fullerton,.....	"	6	April, 1898.	Whitman High School.	225 So. Washington Street.
Elizabeth B. Bosworth,.....	"	4-5	Sept., 1879.	Whitman High School.	39 Harvard Street.
Jennie M. Howe,.....	"	3-4	April, 1895.	Quincy Training School.	149 School Street.
Grace G. Coles,.....	"	1-2	Nov., 1903.	Perry Kinder'n Normal School.	34 Linden Street.
Sarah L. Dinsmore,.....	Gurney.	5 6	Jan., 1904.	Worcester Normal School.	185 N. Main St., Brockton.
Frances L. Hayward,.....	"	4-5	May, 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School.	Easton, Mass.
Florence M. Edwards,.....	"	2-3	Sept., 1901.	Bridgewater Normal School.	Bridgewater, Mass.
Edith E. Lincoln,.....	"	1-2	Jan., 1898.	Quincy Training School.	156 Beniah Street.
Florence M. Tait,.....	Hastings.	8	Sept., 1904.	N. Hampshire Female College.	670 Washington Street.
Eloise M. Prentiss,.....	"	7	Sept., 1887.	Quincy Training School.	269 Auburn Street.
Clara E. McGreevy,.....	"	6	Sept., 1889.	Weymouth Training School.	30 Whitman Avenue.
Katharine A. Collins,.....	"	4 5	Feb., 1899.	Whitman High School.	37 Lakeview Avenue.
Emma R. Nash,.....	Reed.	7-8	April, 1876.	East Bridgewater High School.	127 Pleasant Street.
MaBelle Cobb,.....	"	5-6	April, 1895.	Castine Normal School.	Wareham St., Middleboro.
Josephine Stebbins,.....	"	5-8	Oct., 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School	Whitman Street, Hanson.
Emma R. Maloy,.....	"	3-4	Dec., 1872.	Whitman High School.	705 Washington Street.
Leila R. Gurney,.....	"	1 2	Sept., 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	236 School Street.
Geneva L. Morse,.....	Temple St.	8	Jan., 1905.	Westfield Normal School.	57 West Street.
Anna Gogan,.....	"	7	Oct., 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	48 Laurel Street.
A. Gertrude Jones,.....	Drawing.	1-13	Sept., 1897.	Mass. Normal Art School.	Assinippi, Mass.
S. Jessie Merrill,.....	Music.	1-13	Sept., 1886.	Institute of Normal Methods.	67 South Avenue.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I

Population of town May 1, 1904.....	6,581
School Census, September 1, 1905:	
Children between 5 and 15 years of age	1,098
Increase over 1903.....	22
Children between 7 and 14 years of age	773
Increase over 1903.....	50

II

Valuation, 1904.....	\$3,935,807 00
Increase over 1903	102,957 00
Total raised by taxation, 1904.....	79,210 77
Increase over 1903	5,084 35
Rate of taxation per \$1000.....	19 10
Increase over 1903	0 80
Expense of schools, 1904.....	29,160 81
Increase over 1903.....	3,679 86
Cost of schools for every \$1000 of valuation	7 41
Increase over 1903	0 76
Per cent. of school expense to total tax....	36.8
Increase over 1903	2.4
Average cost per pupil, based upon the average membership (1169.4) for the year..	\$24 94
Increase over 1903	2 11
Expense of schools, 1904, exclusive of repairs, extra school accommodations and permanent improvements	25,259 08
Average cost per pupil on basis of average membership	21 60
Decrease from 1903.....	0 42
Cost per pupil for books and supplies	1 72

III

Number of school buildings(1 temporary).....	8
High, 1; Grammar, 1; Grammar and Primary, 6.....	

Number of schools.....	25
Increase over 1903	3

IV

Number of teachers employed Jan. 27, 1905...	33
High (1 man, 5 women) 6;* Grammar, (1 man, 16 women), 17; *Grammar and Primary, 4; Primary, 5; Special, 2.	
Increase over Jan. 27, 1903.....	2

*One woman employed on half-time

V

Number of pupils enrolled in all the schools during the year 1903-1904 (boys 596; girls, 613)..	1209
Number under five years of age.....	10
Number between five and fifteen years of age..	1080
Number over fifteen years of age.....	119
Number between seven and fourteen years of age (compulsory limits).....	791
Average membership for year 1903-1904.....	1169.4
Increase over preceding year	53.2
Average membership, each school, 1903-1904 ..	53.2
Increase over preceding year	2.5
Average membership, each teacher, 1903-1904.	40.3
High, 23.8; Grammar, 45.1; Grammar and Primary, 43.6; Primary, 41.5.	
Increase over preceding year .....	.4
Number of pupils belonging to all the schools January 27, 1905	1226
High, 131; Bates, 27; Corthell, 109; Dyer, 290; Dyer Annex, 35; Gurney, 199; Hastings, 173; Reed, 200; Temple Street, 62.	
Largest membership of all the schools during the current school year (November 1904)	1256

VI

Average attendance during year 1903-1904....	1083.6
Increase over preceding year.....	65.1

Per cent. of attendance of all the schools during the year 1903-1904.....	92.7
High, 95.7; Grammar, 93.7; Grammar and Primary, 92.1; Primary, 89.7.	
Increase over preceding year	1.5

VII

Graduates from High school (boys, 3; girls, 5),.	8
Decrease from preceding year (boys, 1; girls, 4)	5
Graduates from Dyer Grammar school (boys, 27; girls 32).....	59
Decrease from preceding year (girls, 20; increase of boys 2),.....	18
Dyer School Graduates who entered the High school (boys 21; girls 26).....	47
Decrease from preceding year (boys, 1; girls 14).....	15

VIII

Number visits to the schools, not including visits by the school committee and the superin- tendent	1359
Increase over preceding year.....	314

IX

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

George A. Edson :	
Cases investigated.....	80
Corthell school, 4; Dyer School, 18; Gurney school, 30; Hastings school, 24; High school, 2; Reed school, 2.	
Charles F. Cook :	
Cases investigated.....	42
Truants	13
Sickness	5
Want of proper clothing.....	9
Kept by parents	10
Other causes	5

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS WHO WERE NEITHER TARDY NOR ABSENT DURING
THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Frank Cobb,*	Harold Reed,*
Louise Cole,	Frank Spellman,*
Charles Darling,*	Helen Stone,*†
Kate Hayes,*	Lena White,
Caroline Holbrook,*†	Clifford Whitman.*
Lathrop Lovell,	

BATES SCHOOL.

Lizzie Faunce,	Mary Faunce.*†
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CORTHELL SCHOOL.

John Hayes.

DYER SCHOOL.

Albert Cook,	Bernard O'Brien,
Edna Cook,	Gladys Ryder,
Harvey Daniels,*†	Herbert Sherman,
Mary Donovan,	Shirley Thayer,
Frank Finnigan,*	William Turner,*
Katherine Lynch,	Roy Williams.*†

GURNEY SCHOOL.

Lawrence Clark,*	Stuart Paddleford,
Florence Daniels,	Lois Phinney,
Mary Neville,	Marion Spellman,
Franklin Norton,	Fred Staples,
Ruth Paddleford,	Rowena Turner.

HASTINGS SCHOOL.

Arthur Bates,*	Patrick Hayes,*
Fenton Bates,	Eva Kinsley,
John Finnigan,	Margaret McCarthy,
Hazel Hall,	Belmont Murdock.

REED SCHOOL.

May Barrows,	Augusta McNeil,*
Sarah Batchelder,*	John Nash,
Charles Bell,	Franklin Pierce,*
Margaret Bismore,	Albert Randall,
Clifton Butler,	Harold Reed,*

Florence Churchill,
 M. Agnes Condon,*
 Arthur Hesselberg,*
 Hilda Holmes,
 Eleanor Jenkins,*
 Mary Jenkins,
 Howard Lowell,

Harris Reed,
 Olive Reed,
 Alton Spaulding,*†
 Ralph Stanton,
 Bernice Thayer,
 Michael White.

*These pupils had the same record the preceding year.

*†These pupils have the same record for three consecutive years.

"BE PURE, BE TRUE, BE PROMPT IN DUTY."

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1904,
 WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL,
 VILLAGE HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 23, 1904.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Entrance of School.	-	-	-	-	-
Prayer.	-	-	-	-	-
Music—"See, the Conquering Hero Comes,"	-	-	-	-	Handel
SCHOOL CHORUS.					
Salutatory—"Commercialism,"	-	-	-	-	CHARLES DARLING
Music—"Hark! The Awakening Call,"	-	-	-	-	Lachner
SCHOOL CHORUS.					
Class History,	-	-	-	-	MATTIE A. DANFORTH
Music—"A Meadow Song,"	-	-	-	-	John Wiegand
GIRLS' CHORUS.					
Class Prophecy	-	-	-	-	MILES SAMPSON
Music—"The Clang of the Forge,"	-	-	-	-	Paul Rodney
SCHOOL CHORUS.					
Essay and Valedictory—"Some Aspects of Wordsworth's Poetry,"	MARGUERITE J. KANE.				
Presentation of Diplomas,	-	-	-	-	SUPT. H. M. WALRADT.
Singing of Class Ode.	-	-	-	-	-

CLASS ODE.

EDWARD DWIGHT RANDALL.

Dear classmates, ere we say farewell,
 And leave these paths so dear,
 We'll join our voices once again
 With message of good cheer.

If seldom in our future days
 Our joys be free from cares,
 If Hope that wakes our noblest powers
 A face of sadness wears ;

Let memory then her task perform
 And brighten all our ways,
 And lo ! it's done, if thoughts revert
 To treasured, bright schooldays.

For life, then, shall our friendship last,
 We're classmates evermore,
 Unbroken shall remain the ties
 Of Nineteen Hundred Four.

GRADUATES.

FOUR-YEARS COURSE.

Marguerite Josephine Kane,	Marion Frances Phillips,
Edward Dwight Randall,	Miles Sampson,
Agnes Winnifred Shea.	

THREE-YEARS COURSE.

Katherine Elizabeth Condon,	Mattie Augusta Danforth,
Charles Darling.	

CLASS OFFICERS.

President,	-	-	-	-	-	Miles Sampson
Vice-President,	-	-	-	-	-	Marion F. Phillips
Secretary,	-	-	-	-	-	Agnes W. Shea
Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	Marguerite J. Kane
Marshal,	-	-	-	-	-	Edward D. Randall

"ACT TO A PURPOSE."

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE DYER GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

AT G. A. R. HALL, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 23, 1904.

PROGRAM.

March—Loraine,	-	-	-	-	Sadie E. Whiting
Prayer,	-	-	-	-	Rev. Daniel Cooksley
Piano Solo—"The Fairy Queen,"	-	-	-	-	Mildred Torrey
Music—"Morning Invitation,"	-	-	-	-	School
Words of Welcome,	-	-	-	-	Robert A. Jenkins

Music—"Last Night,"	-	-	-	-	School
Address,	-	Supt. George I. Aldrich,	Brookline,	Mass	
Double Quartette—"Down in the Dewey Dell,"	-	-	-	-	School
Presentation of Certificates,	-	-	-	Mrs. Chas. E. Lovell	
Music—"King of the Forest am I,"	-	-	-	-	School

GRADUATES.

Alice Chessman Bates,	Margaret Matheson,
Carrie Luraina Bates,	Myrtle Lena McAllister,
Forrest Clifford Blood,	James Stuart McCallum,
John Joseph Brennan,	Nellie Mae McCallum,
Helen Margaret Buckley,	Josephine Marie McCarthy,
Alice May Cobb,	William Anthony McCarthy,
George Ashton Cobb,	Lewis Byron McIlvene,
Leona Forrest Cole,	George Linus McKinnon,
Joseph Henry Conroy,	Fred Benjamin Millet,
Albert Henry Cook,	Grace Carleton Nash,
Edna Irene Cook,	Bernard V. O'Brien,
John Francis Crowley,	Mary Margaret O'Connor,
Margaret Helen Crowley,	Amy Grace Ramsdell,
Gardiner Lincoln Eanforth,	Alice Romaine Raymond,
Mary Agnes Donovan,	Gladys Elmer Ryder,
James Harold Easter,	Eva Fuller Sampson,
George Daniel English,	Cora Elmore Sharpe,
Berenice Corinne Everson,	Herbert Blackman Sherman,
Francis Henry Finnigan,	George Heywood Simmons
Louise Willard Gay,	Shirley S. Thayer,
Joseph Francis Gormley,	Elsie May Tirrell,
Bernard Leon Hall,	Mildred Graham Torrey,
Florence Isabell Harlow,	William RobertsTurner,
Effie Grace Horgan,	Margaret Agnes White,
Robert Alden Jenkins,	Sadie Esmond Whiting,
Rowena Lowell Johnson,	Elmer G. Whitmarsh,
Bernice Clinton Keene,	Charles Clayton Willet,
Mabel Catharine Linn,	Harrison Morton Williams,
Lena Emma Low,	Roy Merton Williams.
Florence Alice Mann,	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Schooling Proper, appropriation...	\$20,000 00	
Text Books and Supplies, appropriation.....	1800 00	
Incidentals, appropriation.....	1500 00	
Superintendent, appropriation.....	1000 00	
Spring water, appropriation.....	225 00	
Heating and Ventilating Corthell School, appropriation.....	1500 00	
Shingling Reed School, appropriation.....	350 00	
Dog Fund.....	801 82	
Tuition.....	832 50	
Received for Sand.....	7 50	
		\$28,016 82

EXPENDITURES.

Schooling Proper.....	\$21,019 26	
Text Books and Supplies.....	2006 11	
Incidentals.....	2062 98	
Superintendent of Schools.....	1000 00	
Spring water.....	225 00	
Heating and Ventilating Corthell School.....	1454 10	
Shingling Reed School.....	346 93	
Increased School Accommodation..	1046 43	
		29,160 81
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	1143 99	

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLING PROPER.

Paid for teaching—*	
D. L. Whitmarsh.....	\$1399 12
Margaret A. Gaffney.....	753 37
Carrie E. Hodge.....	645 75

Katharine F. Cody.....	\$645 75
Mabel F. Moore	112 50
Susan R. Scott	55 00
William L. Coggins.....	753 12
Annie E. G. Bickford.....	512 50
Joanna F. Fullerton	512 50
Elizabeth B. Bosworth	512 50
Grace G. Luther.....	512 50
Jennie M. Howe	492 00
Grace G. Coles.....	360 00
Emma R. Nash	615 00
MaBelle Cobb	512 50
Emma R. Maloy.....	445 60
Leila R. Gurney	360 00
Josephine Stebbins	96 00
Florence M. Tait.....	200 00
Eloise M. Prentiss.....	512 50
Clara E. McGreevey.....	502 50
Katharine A. Collins	471 00
Sarah L. Dinsmore	528 50
Frances L. Hayward.....	250 00
Florence M. Edwards.....	492 00
Edith E. Lincoln.....	467 00
M. Gertrude Gaffney	517 62
Laura I. Hutchinson.....	492 00
Harriet M. Woodbury	510 00
Anna L. Geogan.....	397 27
Pearl Pennington.....	426 00
S. Jessie Merrill	390 00
A. Gertrude Jones	225 00
Deborah A. Partridge.....	430 24
Celia S. Lee.....	256 96
Lydia R. Smith	582 75
Bessie G. Nicholson	11 54
Edith L. Griffith.....	1 60
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\$16,960 19	

*Pay for 41 weeks, while the school year is but 40 weeks.

JANITOR WORK.

Paid—

B. F. Peterson	\$450 00	
Charles F. Cook	450 00	
James H. Wetherell	466 67	
John W. Wright	441 00	
W. A. Thompson	441 00	
David S. Murphy	50 00	
George E. Luzarder.....	60 00	
Fred Crowley	23 25	
David V. O'Brien.....	17 00	
Daniel Hayes.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$2406 92

TRUANT OFFICERS

Paid—

George A. Edson.....	\$30 00	
Charles F. Cook	24 00	
	<hr/>	54 00

FUEL.

Paid—

Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal..	\$1288 95	
Joseph Murphy, wood.....	140 00	
Walter W. Josselyn, wood	11 75	
Atwood Bros., wood.....	1 00	
T. S. W. Keene, wood	61 00	
Chas P. Slack, wood	12 00	
Patrick J. Sullivan, cutting wood...	1 50	
John J. Nolan, carting wood.....	1 00	
Henry D. Reed, carting coal.....	80 95	
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		\$21,019 26

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid—

Henry M. Walradt.....	\$1000 00
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SPRING WATER FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid—

Geo. Atwood.....	\$225 00
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HEATING AND VENTILATING CORTHELL SCHOOL.

Paid—

Magee Furnace Co	\$1350 00	
Ernest C. Howard, drain pipe	10 00	
Paul Black, cesspools, etc.,	71 10	
Martin Nevins, labor	23 00	
	<hr/>	\$1454 10

SHINGLING REED SCHOOLHOUSE.

Paid—

C. A. Randall	\$346 93	
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INCREASED SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

At High School, paid—

J. W. Johnson, stack, stock and labor	\$203 40	
Paul Black, stock and labor	3 75	
A. C. Tucker, clock	3 50	
Edward E. Babb & Co., blackboards	7 88	
C. A. Randall, setting blackboards..	2 06	
	<hr/>	\$220 59

At Temple Street School, paid—

C. A. Randall, labor and stock	\$515 92	
M. P. O'Connor, curtains	15 75	
Washburn & Davie, labor and stock	75 50	
Paul Black, mason work	52 82	
L. Holbrook & Son, desks	24 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co., blackboards	20 31	
Bryant & Eburn, painting	72 95	
A. C. Tucker, 2 clocks	7 00	
James H. Wetherell, labor	4 00	
Roy A. Wood, labor	1 85	
Martin Nevins, labor	12 75	
Randall W. Cook, drain pipe	13 00	
Arthur Maglathlin, labor and sand.	7 59	
Geo. A. Reed & Co., cloth, etc	2 40	
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		\$1046 43

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid—

University Publishing Co.	\$19 00
Ginn & Co	167 38

Suffolk Ink Co	\$3 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	118 59	
Milton Bradley Co.....	119 29	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	47 09	
Allyn & Bacon	30 26	
Educational Publishing Co.....	1 50	
The Morse Co	92	
Thompson, Brown & Co	17 79	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.....	20 13	
Benj. Sanborn & Co	119 92	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.....	33 06	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	73 12	
American Book Co.....	205 99	
Geo. F. King & Co.....	71 90	
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	570 18	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	241 44	
Oliver Ditson Co.....	4 44	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover.....	2 25	
F. J. Barnard & Co. rebinding books	138 51	
Chas. C. Wingate	35	
	<hr/>	\$2006 11

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Insurance—

C. F. Allen, Corthell School	\$90 00	
Geo. D. Soule, Dyer School.....	90 00	
Geo. D. Soule, High School	87 75	
Howland, Faunce & Co., Reed School	90 00	
Howland, Faunce & Co., High School	146 24	
	<hr/>	\$503 99

Paid A. A. Harding, painting—

Varnishing at Reed Schol.....	\$136 95	
Varnishing at High School.....	102 93	
Varnishing at Corthell School.....	17 90	
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School census—

Isaiah T. Churchill	\$33 90	
Frank T. Hayes.....	36 30	
	<hr/>	70 20

Printing—

L. B. Hatch & Co., card two years	\$20 00	
Harry B. Harding, printing.....	44 90	
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Roy F. Allen, electrical work.....	\$3 25	\$64 90
George I. Aldrich, address at Ninth Grade graduation	10 00	
E. E. Bassett, setting glass, etc....	12 05	
Lewis T. Adams, grinding lawn mower	1 00	
F. G. Barnes, carpenter work, etc..	49 38	
W. A. Bowles, tuning organs	4 50	
Ezra M. Bonney, work on flag staffs	8 50	
Paul Black, mason work.....	37 01	
Albert H. Cook, labor at Reed school	12 60	
Chester F. Cook, labor and carting supplies	8 86	
H. C. Cleveland, janitors' supplies	20	
George A. Clift, janitors' supplies	6 38	
Charles R. Cox & Co., janitors' sup- plies	9 10	
A. Frank Dyer, work on flag staff	2 00	
S. B. Dyer, resetting alarm indicator	1 00	
Albert Davis, rent of hall.....	10 00	
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., of Brockton, light for High School	11 00	
Easton Clay Goods Co., kegs, etc..	2 85	
O. D. Everson, cleaning clocks	2 50	
Albert Faunce, carpenter work	12 50	
Fuller & Warren Co., repairs	51 45	
Everett M. Fullerton, labor at Dyer School	8 85	
Forresters of America, rent of hall	1 00	
Goodwin & Co., repairs.....	14 50	
R. K. Gordon & Son, oil for floors.	37 80	
L. Holbrook & Son, glass and chairs	4 35	
P. A. Howland, electrical supplies	75	

Harry H. Hovey, alcohol.....	\$1 50
Ernest C. Howard, hardware, etc...	17 27
N. F. Hall, setting glass.....	2 00
A. A. Harding, glass and setting...	1 50
International Heater, Co., flue cleaner, etc.....	6 30
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, desks, flag and supplies.....	33 50
George E. Luzarder, labor at Bates School.....	1 50
Andrew R. McCallum, labor and stock, Dyer School.....	118 12
Martin Nevins, labor at High School	1 75
Old Colony Foundry Co., repairs, Hastings School.....	4 47
M. P. O'Connor, curtain and repairs	1 25
C. B. Perry, carting books.....	2 00
J. M. Penniman, express, etc.....	38 95
James Poole, labor at Hastings School.....	6 12
C. L. Redding, moving signal box and resetting alarm indicators	11 00
Geo. A. Reed & Co., janitor's supplies, etc.....	6 80
C. A. Randali, repairs at Reed & Gurney Schools.....	34 78
Henry D. Reed, labor at Dyer School	3 25
Shepard, Clark & Co., janitor's supplies, etc.....	13 89
William Spellman, janitor's supplies, etc.....	5 92
Charles P. Slack, wood work.....	2 75
A. H. Sampson, setting glass.....	4 25
A. W. Thompson, carpenter work..	1 00
George Tyler, labor and sand.....	9 00

W. E. Trufant, office supplies, etc..	\$8 13	
W. E. Trufant, clerk for committee	50 00	
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	7 80	
Washburn & Davie, supplies and repairs	106 23	
Town of Whitman, water for schools	60 00	
Wyzanski Bros, janitor's supplies..	55	
John W. Wright, sharpening lawn mowers	75	
Whitman Shoeing Forge, repairs...	1 50	
Thomas F. Whiting, sharpening lawn mowers	2 00	
James H. Wetherell, labor at Hastings School.....	75	
N. C. White, Concreting.....	273 40	
James C. Wood, setting glass.....	75	
	<hr/>	\$2062 98

ESTIMATES FOR 1905.

Schooling Proper.....	\$21,000 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	2,000 00
Incidentals	1,500 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00
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	\$25,500 00

EUGENIA F. LOVELL,	}	School Committee.
ELMER W. NOYES,		
WALTER E. TRUFANT,		

Jan. 24, 1905.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported by proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	}	Auditors
BELA ALDEN,		



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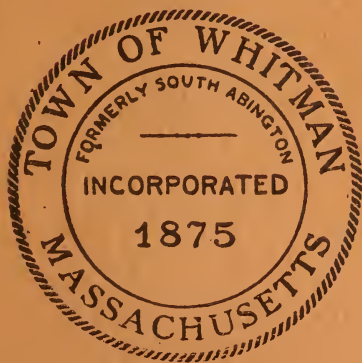
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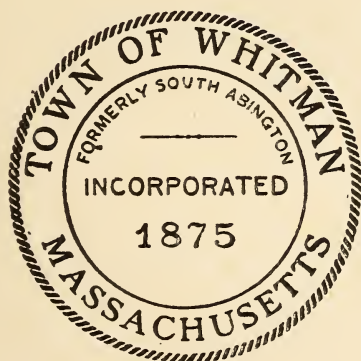
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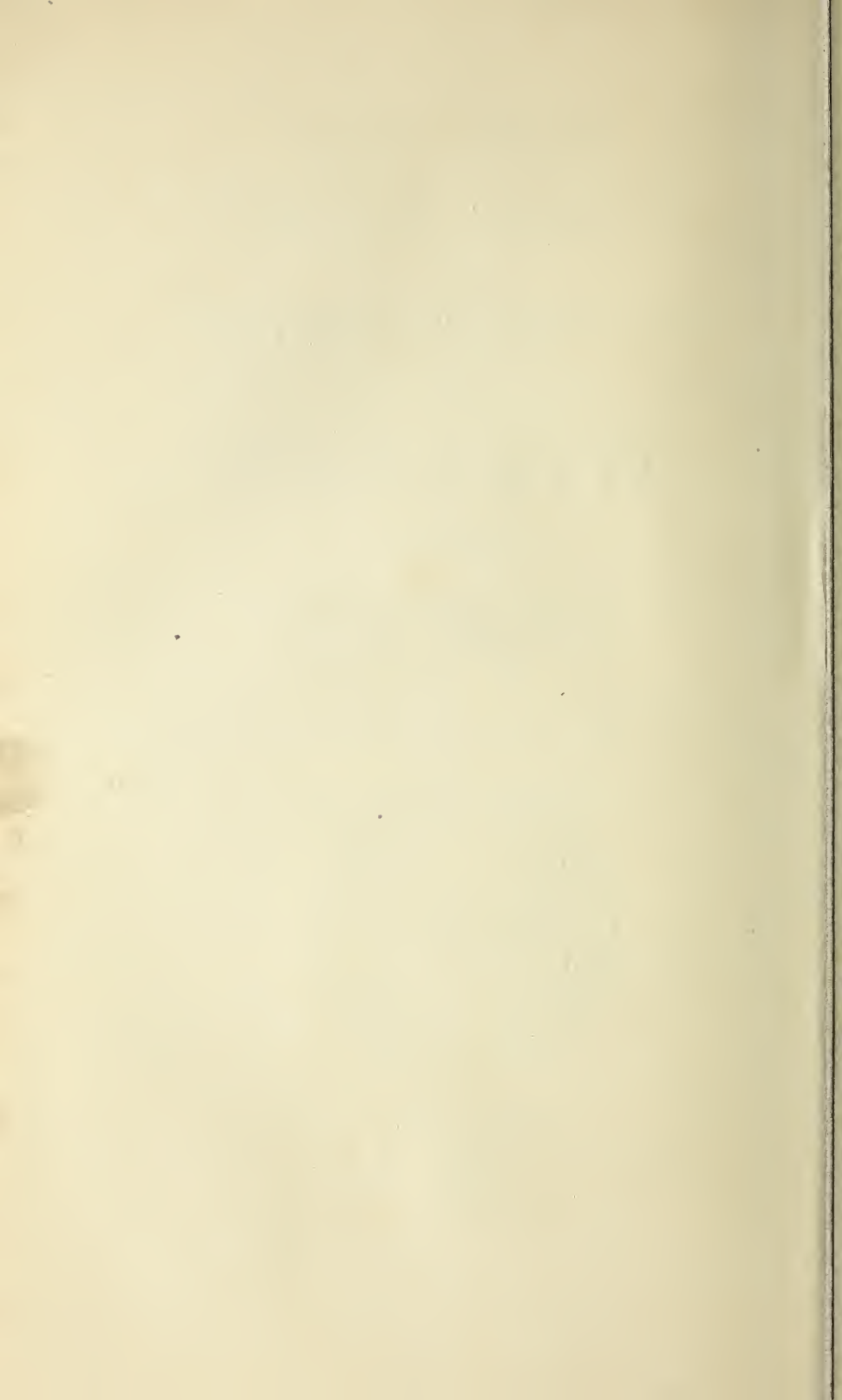
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1905.

TOWN CLERK—George H. Pearson.

TOWN TREASURER—Benjamin C. Reed.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR—Andrew C. Brigham, Benjamin C. Reed, George D. Soule.

ASSESSORS—Arthur D. B. Butler, Isaiah T. Churchill, George D. Soule.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell, (three years); Walter E. Trufant, (two years); Elmer W. Noyes, (one year).

WATER COMMISSIONERS—Andrew R. McCallum, (three years); Julius C. Gilbert, (two years); Ernest C. Howard, (one year).

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR—Aaron A. Healy.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Oscar A. Bemis, (three years); George A. Edson, (two years); Lucius Cook, (one year).

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY—Francis J. Hanley and Edward J. Gaffney, (three years); George A. Dorr and Miss Deborah Partridge, (two years); Miss Lizzie B. Bosworth and Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell, (one year).

PARK COMMISSIONERS—Albert H. Brigham, Charles D. Dyer, Walter E. Trufant.

CONSTABLES—Frank Erskine, Thomas F. Kane, Andrew R. McCallum, Foster J. Rand, Patrick H. Smith.

NIGHT WATCHMAN—Frank Erskine.

POLICE—Patrick H. Smith, chief; Foster J. Rand, Andrew R. McCallum, Thomas F. Kane, Frank Erskine.

SPECIAL POLICE—Walton C. Bates, Levi W. Stetson, George A. Edson, Otis Kingman, Charles F. Cook, Leroy L. Phinney.

KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP—Patrick H. Smith.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—Benjamin C. Reed

AUDITORS—Bela Alden and G. Howard Soule.

FIELD DRIVERS—Charles E. Lowell and Jeremiah Griffin.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER—Charles A. Larry and Albert Faunce.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK—Charles A. Larry and Everett E. Robbins.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE—Lawrence Maloney, John J. Cody and Bradford S. Littlefield.

FENCE VIEWERS—George A. Dorr and William C. Gurney.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS—Patrick J. Callanan, three years; Baylies Wood, two years; Randall W. Cook, one year.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDS—Frank M. Davis, Charles Conant and Ezra S. Nutter.

BURIAL AGENT, under Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws of 1901—George H. Pearson.

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS AND ANIMALS INTENDED FOR SLAUGHTER—Owen F. Bumpus.

TOWN PHYSICIANS—Oscar A. Bemis, Charles E. Lovell, Alfred A. MacKeen, Francis J. Hanley.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Whitman herewith submit their thirty-first annual report of the financial condition of the Town, together with the receipts and expenditures, from January 2, 1905, to January 1, 1906.

Paid as State Aid under Chapter 381, Acts of 1904.....	\$5957 00
All to be refunded by the State.	
Paid as Military Aid under Chapter 381, Acts of 1904.....	340 00
One half to be refunded by the State....	170 00
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	\$170 00
Amount appropriated.....	300 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$130 00
Paid as Soldiers Relief under Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, to persons having a settlement in Whitman.....	1483 15
Amount appropriated.....	1800 00
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Balance unexpended.....	316 85
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Paid to persons having a settlement elsewhere..	\$338 95

Received and receivable from other cities and
towns \$338 95

Disbursements of the amount, (\$1822.10), under Chap-
ter 447, Acts of 1890, were as follows:

R. W. Cook, for coal	\$34 00
Joseph Murphy, for fuel.....	2 88
Walter W. Josselyn, for fuel.....	8 54
E. W. Noyes, for groceries	6 16
William Spellman, for groceries	5 46
Elmer H. Southworth, for meat.....	7 00
Wm. Bliss, for meat.....	1 50
A. Wyzanski, for bedding.....	20 41
H. C. Cleveland, for medicine.....	4 25
H. H. Hovey, for medicine	4 05
Nursing	249 50
Board	55 90
Rent.....	90 00
Cash.....	834 00
City of Brockton	80 00
City of Boston	12 00
Town of Bourne	48 00
Town of Hanover.....	82 45
Town of Stoughton	156 00
Town of Pembroke	120 00

\$1822 10

Paid George H. Pearson, agent for burial of indigent soldiers, their wives and widows, under Chap. 79 of the revised laws of 1901. \$245 00
All to be refunded by the state.

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Amount appropriated..... \$150 00
Paid Post 78, G. A. R..... \$150 00

POLICE SERVICE.

Paid—

P. H. Smith, services as chief.....	\$800 00
Frank Erskine, services as police.....	670 67
Thomas F. Kane “ “ “	209 14
Foster J. Rand “ “ “	189 27
A. R. McCallum “ “ “	\$45 75
“ “ for use of team.....	11 50
	<hr/> 57 25
George A. Edson, services as police.....	39 00
Levi W. Stetson, “ “ “	133 75
John J. Dowd “ “ “	2 00
Leroy Phinney “ “ “	2 50
Charles F. Cook “ “ “	7 88
James H. Barlow “ “ “ and night watchman.....	58 00
P. H. Smith, services as Lockup Keeper	\$25 00
Cash paid out.....	16 85
	<hr/> 41 85
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lighting Lock- up and Police Headquarters.....	30 00
E. C. Howard, supplies.....	7 46
Oak Hall Clothing Co , 2 helmets.....	6 00

H. H. Hovey, medicine.....	\$1 00
Fairbanks Bros. & Co. watchman's lantern, oil and supplies.....	11 01
H. B. Harding, printed envelopes.....	1 75
Union Printing Co., printed letterheads.....	1 75
C. B. Perry, teams.....	19 25
A. Frank Dyer, labor.....	1 50
F. L. Martell, sawing wood.....	5 00
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	\$2296 03
Amount appropriated.....	2300 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$3 97

SUPPRESSION OF ILLEGAL SALE OF INTOXI- CATING LIQUOR.

Paid—

C. H. Edson, professional services and expenses	\$120 00
Frank Erskine, services.....	12 00
F. J. Rand “	24 00
T. F. Kane “	31 50
L. W. Stetson “	4 50
George A. Edson “	6 00
A. R. McCallum “ and expenses.....	30 00
P. H. Smith, cash paid out.....	7 50
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	\$235 50

No appropriation.

EXPENSES IN CRIMINAL CASES IN SECOND DISTRICT COURT UNDER CHAPTER 440,
ACTS OF 1890.

Paid—		
John T. Condon, services and expenses.....		\$61 05
Charles L. Spring “ “ “		5 45
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		\$66 50
Amount received from 2nd Dist. Court.	\$555 05	
H. S. Porter, sheriff.....	15 00	\$570 05
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Balance in favor of the town.....		\$503 55

TREE WARDEN.

Paid—		
Clarence A. Randall, services.....		\$63 35
“ “ “ labor, teams and material		119 45
“ “ “ removing tree, Washington street.....		27 00
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		\$209 80
Amount appropriated.....	250 00	
Balance unexpended.....		\$40 20

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Paid—		
Clarence A. Randall, services as agent.....		\$58 60
“ “ “ expenses.....		1 25
“ “ “ cash paid for assistant....		20 00
B. C. Reed, for postage on circulars.....		14 28
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		\$94 13

No appropriation.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1800 00	
Paid Treasurer.....	\$1800 00	

WHITMAN PARK.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1000 00
Paid Commissioners.....	1068 09
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$68 09

EXPENDED FOR HIGHWAYS.

Amount appropriated for repairs of highways, bridges and drains, including excise tax, (\$1153 20).....	\$6153 20
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	6197 19
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$43 99

HIGHWAY INCIDENTALS.

Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	500 77
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Excess of appropriation	77

REMOVING SNOW.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1200 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	759 94
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Balance unexpended.....	\$440 06

SIDEWALKS.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1000 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	986 76
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Balance unexpended.....	\$13 24

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Amount appropriated.....	\$1000 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	1676 03
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$676 03
Assessed to abutters under Chap. 49, revised laws	\$683 67

CHARLES STREET DRAIN.

Amount appropriated.....	\$800 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	806 22
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$6 22

REPAIRS OF TOOL HOUSE.

Amount appropriated.....	\$100 00
Paid Highway Surveyor.....	95 87
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Balance unexpended.....	\$4 13

BALDWIN DAMAGE CASE.

Paid H. T. Baldwin.....	\$125 00
“ C. H. Edson.....	6 00
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	\$131 00
No appropriation.	

SHEA DAMAGE CASE.

Paid C. H. Edson.....	\$4 25
No appropriation.	

McCABE DAMAGE CASE.

Paid James McCabe.....	\$213 85	
“ C. H. Edson.....	24 95	
		<hr/> \$238 80
No appropriation.		

STREET LIGHTING.

Amount appropriated.....	\$4147 50	
Paid Street Lighting Committee.....	4136 64	
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Balance unexpended.....	\$10 86	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$2070 00	
Paid Fire Engineers.....	3220 03	
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$1150 03	

FOREST FIRES.

Paid Forest Fire Wards.....	\$282 50	
No appropriation.		

STORAGE BATTERY.

Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00	
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Paid Fire Engineers.....	\$500 00	

FIRE IN JENKINS' BLOCK.

Paid Engineers.....	\$30 15	
“ Rockland for steamer.....	115 00	
		<hr/> \$145 15
No appropriation.		

WATER FOR 144 HYDRANTS.

Amount appropriated.....	\$2880 00
Paid engineers.....	\$2880 00

WATER SINKING FUND.

Amount appropriated.....	\$2500 00
Paid Water Commissioners.....	\$2500 00

WATER FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Paid Water Commissioners for water for two fountains	\$75 00
No appropriation.	

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Expended for support of poor persons having a settlement in Whitman.....	\$6320 92
Expended for tramps.....	83 16
	\$6404 08
Amount appropriated.....	6500 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$95 92
Paid for persons having a settlement elsewhere	\$1834 60
Received and receivable from cities, towns and the state.....	\$1834 60

ABATEMENT OF TAXES AND COLLECTOR'S FEES.

Paid B. C. Reed, Collector—	
Collector's fees for 1903.....	\$54 58
“ “ “ 1904.....	158 84
“ “ “ 1905.....	489 98

Abatement of taxes for 1903.....	\$46 47
“ “ “ “ 1904.....	82 13
“ “ “ “ 1905.....	318 05
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	\$1150 05
Amount appropriated.....	1200 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$49 95
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DYER SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid—

A. C. Whitmarsh, builder, on account.....	\$2500 00
A. H. Peterson, mason, “ “	800 00
Huey Bros., heating and ventilating, on account	3123 75
C. A. Brigham, architect, “ “	500 00
Arthur Maglathlin, foundation work.....	1401 34
Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co., for chairs and desks.....	351 33
Charles Hayes, for labor.....	2 50
F. C. Spaulding “ “	1 37
P. Nolan “ “	3 25
Wm. Foley “ “	4 00
D. Hickey “ “	4 00
J. Bagley “ “	4 00
Stephen Leavitt “ “	7 00
C. F. Cook “ “	7 50
Wm. F. Parker “ “	10 00
W. Kenneally “ “	13 50
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	\$8733 54
Amount of appropriation.....	13,000 00
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Balance unexpended.....	\$4266 46

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Paid—

Geo. H. Pearson, returning 79 deaths..	\$15 80	
“ “ “ “ 78 marriages	15 60	
“ “ “ “ 102 births....	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$82 40
H. F. Copeland, M. D., returning 12 births, 1904.....	3 00	
H. F. Copeland, M. D., returning 11 births, 1905.....	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$5 75
R. B. Rand, M. D., returning 1 birth.....	25	
C. E. Lovell, M. D., “ 21 births.....	5 25	
W. H. Greeley, M. D., “ 1 birth.....	25	
E. A. Dyer, M. D., “ 4 births.....	1 00	
L. J. Loewe, M. D., “ 13 births.....	3 25	
O. A. Bemis, M. D., “ 6 births.....	1 50	
F. J. Hanley, M. D., “ 35 births.....	8 75	
W.P. Hutchinson, M.D., “ 1 birth.....	25	
A. A. MacKeen, M. D., “ 10 births.....	2 50	
L. Holbrook & Son, “ 50 deaths.....	12 50	
M. P. O'Connor, “ 23 deaths.....	5 75	
L. B. Hatch—		
Printing town reports.....	340 50	
“ proposed By-Laws.....	12 00	
“ tax bills.....	10 00	
“ advertising and printing warrants.....	42 00	
“ advertising By-Laws.....	25 00	
“ cards of town officers....	77 00	
	<hr/>	506 50
H. B. Harding—		
Printing orders and receipts.....	17 50	
“ book for Overseers of the Poor.....	3 50	

H. B. Harding—

Printing caucus notices.....	\$1 50
“ for Assessors.....	25 90
“ Board of Health.....	2 00
“ Selectmen.....	1 25
“ Town Clerk.....	2 00
“ ballots	26 00
“ tally sheets.....	7 25
“ hearing notices.....	6 25
“ for Treasurer.....	2 00
“ blanks for Overseers of Poor	4 50
“ poll tax list.....	89 05
“ road notices.....	1 75
“ junk dealers’ licenses....	6 25
“ notices for property owners	10 75
“ town notes.....	4 25
“ postals for the Board of Health	2 50
“ placards for the Board of Health	1 50

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Henry M. Meek Publishing Co., blanks for

Assessors	3 75
Wright & Potter, blanks for Assessors.....	2 00
Banker & Tradesman, for subscription.....	5 00
Howard Job Print, printing voting lists.....	64 00
Carter Ink Co., for ink.....	2 16
A. R. McCallum, repairs, odorless excavator...	18 35
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., lighting town offices.....	65 08
Edison Elec. Illuminating Co., adjusters.	73

65 81

J. M. West, storing and moving voting booths.	\$10 00
R. W. Cook, coal for offices.....	39 44
“ “ books for Town Clerk....	12 50
“ “ expenses as Registrar.....	1 90
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Jacob P. Bates, rent, town offices.....	250 00
Albert Davis, rent, Village hall.....	90 00
George A. Edson, signs and labor for Board of Health	3 50
H. C. Cleveland, goods for Board of Health...	3 92
C. P. Slack, boards for Registrars.....	1 50
A. A. MacKeen, use of team.....	3 00
L. Holbrook & Son, repairing chairs.....	1 00
W. C. Blanchard, ice for town offices.....	4 50
Marion L. Reed, clerical work.....	27 50
E. C. Howard, keys for offices.....	50
“ “ numbers	2 64
“ “ wheels and axles for odor- less excavator.....	85 00
E. C. Howard, riveting rim, odorless ex- cavator.....	4 00
E. C. Howard, paint and brushes for Board of Health.....	2 82
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C. H. Edson, prof. services town officers.	216 96
“ “ “ “ “ preparing By- laws.....	93 45
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Com. of Massachusetts, counting boards.....	5 00
C. W. Gurney & Son, lunch for election officers	15 00
Fairbanks Co., test weights for sealer of weights and measures.....	3 00
Atwood Bros., wood for town offices.....	2 28
Mrs. French, cleaning town offices.....	1 50
Ellen F. Geogan, typewriting.....	4 00

Edson M'fg Co., pumps and coupling, odorless excavator.....	\$97 00
W. E. H. Vaughan, use of land for dump.....	25 00
A. L. Thayer, teams for town officers.....	4 50
W. S. Morey, assessor's book..... 1 75	
“ “ “ binding reports..... 1 25	
—————	3 00
G. F. Ramsdell, repairing screens.....	6 32
Fairbanks Bros. Co., material for odorless excavator.....	4 61
O. A. Bemis, M. D., team for Board of Health..... 24 74	
O. A. Bemis, M. D., telephone..... 1 35	
—————	26 09
George E. Bolling, labor for Board of Health..	5 00
Packard Bros., wiring town offices.....	14 77
H. H. Hovey, formaldehyde for Board of Health	48 00
O. D. Everson, care of town clock.....	19 80
A. F. Dyer, repairs odorless excavator.. 13 38	
“ “ “ signs and lettering for Board of Health..... 4 00	
—————	17 38
J. W. Ford, teams for town offices.....	9 00
Thomas Finlon, labor for Board of Health.....	4 00
Whitman Savings Bank, wood for town offices..... 1 81	
Whitman Savings Bank, repairs to heater 1 05	
—————	2 86
Whitman National Bank, removing ashes.....	75
C. B. Perry, teams for town officers.....	37 50
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co., telephone.....	2 63
Memorial Association, use of hall.....	5 00
Q. A. Merritt, janitor.....	67 00

Benjamin C. Reed, cash paid out for poor	\$10 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ post-		
age.....	10 51	
Benjamin C. Reed, cash paid out for tele-		
phone	1 20	
	<hr/>	21 71
George D. Soule, cash paid for railroad fares		
for town officers.....	9 85	
George D. Soule, cash paid for expenses		
for town officers.....	7 13	
George D. Soule, cash paid for postage,		
express, telephone.....	4 19	
George D. Soule, books and stationery..	17 10	
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O. H. Ellis, Ex. Almshouse Com.....	10 00	
A. C. Whitmarsh “ “ “	10 00	
O. A. Bemis “ “ “	10 00	
C. H. Edson, services and expenses for Silver		
Lake Water Committee.....	74 20	
W. C. Gurney, ink and stamps.....	3 00	
Geo. H. Pearson, distributing town reports	14 00	
“ “ “ two boards.....	25	
“ “ “ postage.....	2 82	
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		\$2482 04
Amount appropriated.....		2000 00
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Excess of appropriation.....		482 04

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid—

George D. Soule, services as selectman and overseer of poor.....	\$276 00
Benjamin C. Reed, services as selectman and overseer of poor	213 00
Andrew C. Brigham, services as selectman and overseer of poor.....	80 70
George D. Soule, services as assessor.....	382 50
I. T. Churchill, services as assessor.....	398 60
A. D. B. Butler, services as assessor... ..	389 70
Bela Alden, services as auditor.....	37 50
G. Howard Soule, services as auditor.....	37 50
A. A. MacKeen, M. D., services on Board of Health	19 80
O. A. Bemis, M. D., services on Board of Health	97 14
George A. Edson, services on Board of Health.	69 92
Lucius Cook, services on Board of Health.....	41 10
Randall W. Cook, services as registrar.....	51 00
Baylies Wood, services as registrar.....	54 00
P. J. Callanan, services as registrar.....	61 50
George H. Pearson, services as registrar.....	77 00
O. A. Bemis, M. D., services as town physician	99 96
F. J. Hanley, M. D., services as town physician	100 00
C. E. Lovell, M. D., services as town physician.	91 67
A. A. MacKeen, M. D., services as town physician.....	100 00
Charles Conant, services as fire engineer.....	25 00
E. S. Nutter, services as fire engineer.....	25 00
F. M. Davis, services as fire engineer... ..	25 00
F. M. Davis, services as clerk of fire engineers.....	25 00
—————	50 00
Benjamin C. Reed, services as treasurer.....	300 00

George H. Pearson, services as town clerk....	\$51 60
O. F. Bumpus, services as cattle inspector.....	196 80
A. R. McCallum, services as constable.....	17 00
W. E. Trufant, services as park commissioner	16 00
B. F. Peterson, services as moderator.....	41 00
I. T. Churchill, services as moderator.....	3 00
P. H. Collins, services as ballot clerk at March meeting.....	4 50
E. M. Curtis, services as ballot clerk at March meeting.....	3 25
F. E. Sharp, services as teller at March meeting	4 50
W. W. Livingston, teller at March meeting	4 50
J. L. Bemis, services as teller at March meeting	4 50
J. J. Crowley, services as teller at March meeting	4 35
F. D. Stetson, services as teller at March meeting	4 35
E. J. McNamara, services as teller at March meeting.....	4 00
Arthur Meserve, services as teller at March meeting.....	4 00
E. Warren Clift, services as teller at March meeting.....	4 00
Henry Conroy, services as teller at March meet- ing.....	4 00
N. C. Simmons, services as teller at March meet- ing.....	3 25
E. W. Packard, services as teller at March meet- ing.....	3 25
E. W. Packard, services as ballot clerk at state election.....	3 50
N. C. Simmons, services as ballot clerk at state election.....	3 50
J. L. Bemis, services as teller at state election.	3 50
George A. Stevens, services as teller at state election.....	3 50
F. E. Sharp, services as teller at state election..	3 50

John J. Cody, services as teller at state election	\$3 50
G. Howard Soule, services as teller at state election.....	3 50
P. Henry Collins, services as teller at state election.....	3 50
Fred N. Winslow, services as teller at state election.....	3 50
T. Frank Hayes, services as teller at state election.....	3 50
C. E. Holmes, services as teller at state election	3 50
H. E. Fluker, services as teller at state election	3 50
P. Henry Collins, services as assistant at recount	1 00
G. Howard Soule, services as assistant at recount	1 00
William C. Gurney, services as sealer of weights and measures.....	11 55
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	\$3510 74
Amount appropriated.....	2500 00
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Excess of appropriation.....	\$1010 74

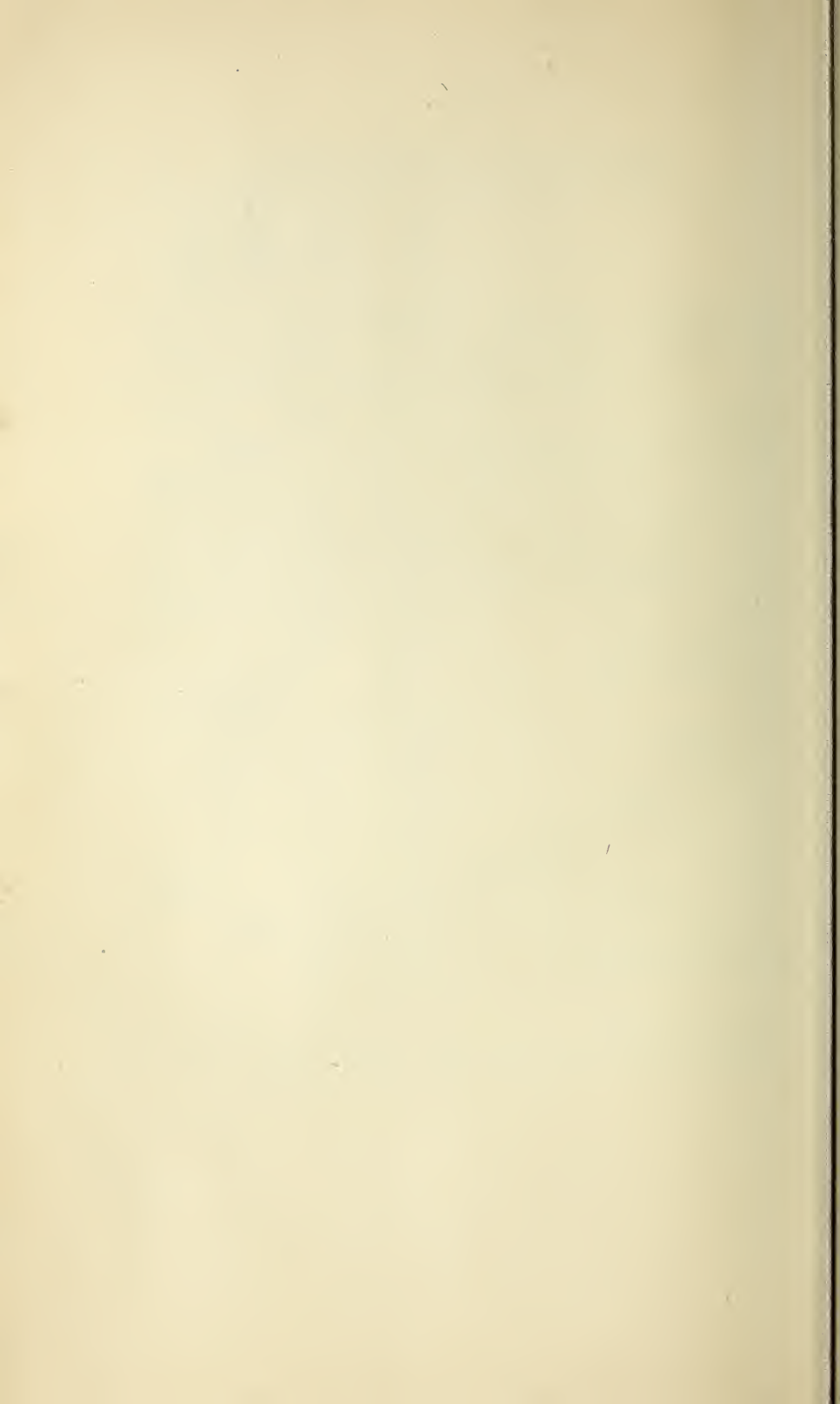
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

	Expended.	Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Balance Unexpended
State Aid, Chap. 381, Acts of 1904.....	\$5,957 00	State.		
*Military Aid, Chap. 381, ".....	340 00	300 00		130 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts 1890..	1,483 15	1,800 00		316 85
Soldiers' Burial. Chapter 79, Revised Laws	245 00	State.		
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00	150 00		
Police Service.....	2,296 03	2,300 00		3 97
Suppression of Illegal Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.....	235 50		235 50	
Expense in Criminal Cases, Second District Court**.....	66 50		277 60	
Tree Warden.....	209 80	250 00		503 55
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.....	94 13		94 13	40 20
Public Library.....	1,800 00	1,800 00		
Whitman Park.....	1,068 09	1,060 00	68 09	
Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	6,197 19	6,153 20	43 99	
Highway Incidentals.....	500 77	500 00	77	
Removing Snow.....	759 94	1,200 00		440 06
Sidewalks.....	986 76	1,000 00		13 24
Concrete Sidewalks***.....	1,676 03	1,000 00		7 64
Charles Street Drain.....	806 22	800 00	6 22	
Repairs of Tool House.....	95 87	100 00		4 13
Baldwin Damage Case.....	131 00		131 00	
Shea " ".....	4 25		4 25	
McCabe " ".....	238 80		238 80	
Street Lighting.....	4,136 64	4,147 50		10 86
Fire Department.....	3,220 03	2,070 00	1,150 03	
Forest Fires.....	282 50		282 50	
Storage Battery.....	500 00	500 00		
Fire, Jenkins Block.....	145 15		145 15	
Water for 144 Hydrants.....	2,880 00	2,880 00		
Water Sinking Fund.....	2,500 00	2,500 00		
Water for Drinking Fountains.....	75 00		75 00	
Support of Poor.....	6,404 08	6,500 00		95 92
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees	1,150 05	1 200 00		49 95
Dyer School Building.....	8,733 54	13,000 00		4,266 46
Town Incidentals.....	2,482 04	2,000 00	482 04	
Town Officers.....	3,510 74	2,500 00	1,010 74	
Interest on Temporary Loan.....	1,960 00	1,960 00		
Interest on Permanent Loan.....	210 00	210 00		
Town Notes due in 1905.....	2,000 00	2,000 00		

*\$170.00 paid by State.

**\$570.05 received from 2nd District Court, and Sheriff Plymouth County

***\$683.67 Assessed to Abutters under Chap. 49, Revised Laws.



ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury	\$14,393 44
Due from—	
B. C. Reed, collector, for taxes of 1903.....	82 28
“ “ “ “ “ 1904.....	5,809 23
“ “ “ “ “ 1905.....	22,998 27
Due from the State—	
State Aid, Chap. 381, 1904.....	5,957 00
Military Aid, Chap. 381, 1904.....	170 00
Burial expenses of indigent soldiers, their wives and widows, Chap. 79, Revised Laws.....	245 00
Due from cities and towns—	
Wareham.....	16 00
Weymouth.....	42 00
Hanover.....	341 35
Brockton	420 37
Duxbury.....	125 95
Boston.....	52 00
Plymouth.....	286 50
East Bridgewater.....	4 00
Middleboro.....	32 00
Milford.....	11 00
Cohasset.....	157 76
Scituate.....	286 75
Georgetown.....	6 00
Marlboro.....	25 00
Avon.....	15 90
State.....	28 15
	\$51,505 95

LIABILITIES.

Due—

Home Savings Bank, on account of unpaid taxes.	\$40,000 00
Whitman Savings Bank, two town notes (\$2,000 each) on Fire Station.....	4,000 00
Whitman Savings Bank, one town note of \$3,000 and five town notes of \$2,000 each on Dyer school building.....	13,000 00
Estimated unpaid claims.....	4,700 00
Total liabilities.....	\$61,700 00
Total assets.....	51,505 95
Balance against the town.....	\$10,194 05

CAROLINE WHITMAN PARK FUND.

In Whitman Savings Bank.....	1,620 64
Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.....	1,676 33
	\$3,296 97

WATER DEBT.

Outstanding Water Bonds.....	\$120,000 00
Amount of Sinking Fund and accumulated interest	52,910 23

GEORGE D. SOULE,	{	Selectmen of Whitman.
BENJAMIN C. REED.		
ANDREW C. BRIGHAM,		

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	{	Auditors.
BELA ALDEN,		

Jan. 25, 1906.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

Schooling Proper (estimate of School Committee)	\$23,000 00
School Incidentals " " " "	2000 00
Text Books and Supplies " " "	2000 00
Superintendent of Schools " " "	1000 00
Shingling Dyer School Building " "	400 00
Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Drains, (estimate of Highway Surveyor).....	5000 00
and the street railway excise tax.	
Sidewalks (estimate of Highway Surveyor)....	1000 00
Removing snow (estimate of Highway Surveyor)	500 00
Highway Incidentals (estimate of Highway Surveyor).....	500 00
Street Lighting (estimate of Street Lighting Committee)	4147 50
Public Library (estimate of Trustees).....	1800 00
Support of Poor.....	6500 00
Town Officers and Committees.....	3000 00
Town Incidentals.....	2500 00
Police Service.....	2300 00
Care and Improvement of Whitman Park (estimate of Park Commissioners).....	3000 00
Decoration of Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees.....	1200 00
Water Sinking Fund.....	2500 00
Running expenses of Fire Department (estimate of Engineers).....	1200 00
Compensation of Members of Fire Department (estimate of Engineers).....	1670 00
New Hose (estimate of Engineers).....	1000 00
Water for 146 Hydrants.....	2920 00
Tree Warden (estimate of Tree Warden).....	250 00
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Work (estimate of Agent).....	350 00

Military Aid, Chap. 381, Acts of 1904.....	300 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.....	1500 00
Interest on Temporary Loan (estimate of Town Treasurer)	2000 00
Interest on Permanent Loan (estimate of Town Treasurer)	627 50
One Note on New Fire Station.....	2000 00
One Note on Dyer School Building.....	3000 00
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	\$79,315 00

LIST OF JURORS.

The following list of jurors is presented for the consideration of the town, to be acted upon at the annual meeting, March 5, 1906 :

Alden, Frank R.....	Shoe operative
Alden, William F.....	Grocers' clerk
Andrews, John E.....	Farmer
Atwood, Bertrand W.....	Foreman
Atwood, Elisha B.....	Shoe operative
Bannican, Lawrence.....	Shoe operative
Barker, James M.....	Shoe operative
Bates, Marcus A.....	Shoe operative
Beary, Thomas	Shoe operative
Belcher, Almy O.....	Shoe operative
Bemis, Johnnie L.....	Shoe operative
Black, Paul.....	Mason
Blanchard, Leslie W.....	Shoe operative
Blanchard, Bennie C.....	Marketman
Bowker, John W.....	Shoe operative
Butler, Arthur D. B.....	Carpenter
Chase, Edwin W.....	Shoe operative
Churchill, Isaiah T.....	Shoe operative
Clapp, Nelson P.....	Shoe operative
Clement, Charles J.....	Clerk
Cox, Charles R.....	Grocer
Connor, John F.....	Shoe operative
Cook, Lucius	Clerk
Curtis, W. Burton.....	Clerk
Deshon, Llewellyn.....	Shoe operative
Dyer, Charles D.....	Horse dealer
Easterbrooks, William H.....	Carpenter

Edson, Minot H.....	Leather dealer
Everson, Wilmot V.....	Real estate
Fairbanks, William L.....	Hardware clerk
Finnegan, Lawrence H.....	Shoe operative
Ford, Albert W.....	Spring water dealer
Frahar, Michael P.....	Shoe operative
Gaffney, William H.....	Shoe operative
Geddis, Fred.....	Shoe operative
Geogan, John.....	Shoe operative
Gurney, Edward P.....	Farmer
Hall, Arthur W.....	Shoe operative
Hall, Melvin R.....	Laundryman
Harding, Clarence W.....	Shoe operative
Harlow, Frank H.....	Shoe operative
Hatch, Henry B.....	Box maker
Hayward, Sam.....	Shoe operative
Howland, Perez A.....	Nailer
Hutchinson, William E.....	Clerk
Johnson, Oscar F.....	Merchant
Joubert, Alex.....	Shoe operative
Keene, Edward F.....	Leather dealer
Keene, John A.....	Shoe operative
Keene, Thomas S. W.....	Stone mason
Kelliher, Michael A.....	Shoe operative
Kent, Frank H.....	Shoe store
Kenneally, Timothy F.....	Shoe operative
Knox, Leon E.....	Printer
Leach, Charles W.....	Shoe operative
Litchfield, Herbert F.....	Shoe operative
Luzarder, Albert F.....	Grocer
Lundregan, Robert.....	Hostler
Mason, George B.....	Tailor
McNamara, Edward J.....	Shoe operative
Miles, Albert A.....	Shoe operative

Moran, Jeremiah D.....	Shoe operative
Murphy, Frank H.....	Shoe operative
Murphy, James H.....	Shoe operative
Murphy, Michael J.....	Shoe operative
Nevins, George L.....	Merchant
Nugent, David F.....	Shoe operative
Osborne, Fred W.....	Clerk
Paddleford, Frank.....	Insurance
Packard, Edwin W.....	Musician
Pike, William G.....	Leather dealer
Prestat, Archille E.....	Shoe operative
Richards, Alton L.....	Paper box maker
Ripley, William F.....	Shoe operative
Ryder, Sanford M.....	Box maker
Sampson, Daniel C.....	Shoe operative
Smith, Abram A.....	Shoe operative
Smith, George H.....	Shoe operative
Snow, Joseph L.....	Tacker
Taft, E. Clifton.....	Box maker
Trufant, Walter E.....	Nail manufacturer
Thompson, Edwin.....	Shoe operative
Turner, Henry O.....	Jobber
Tyler, Charles D.....	Blacksmith
Webber, William L.....	Asst. foreman
Whidden, Joseph E.....	Machinist
White, Edwin.....	Shoe operative
Whitney, Horace W.....	Shoe operative
Wright, Alonzo B.....	Machinist

GEO. D. SOULE,	} Selectmen of Whitman.
BENJAMIN C. REED,	
ANDREW C. BRIGHAM,	

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

APPROPRIATIONS ASSESSED IN 1905.

Schooling Proper	\$21,000 00
School Incidentals	1500 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	2000 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	1000 00
Repair of Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	5000 00
Removing Snow.....	1200 00
Highway Incidentals.....	500 00
Support of Poor.....	6500 00
Town Officers and Committees.....	2500 00
Town Incidentals.....	2000 00
Police Service.....	2300 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collector's Fees.....	1200 00
Water for 144 Hydrants.....	2880 00
Tree Warden.....	250 00
Military Aid, Chap. 381, Acts of 1904.....	300 00
Soldiers' Relief, Chap. 447, Acts of 1890.....	1800 00
Soldiers' Graves.....	150 00
Public Library.....	1800 00
Improvement of Whitman Park.....	1000 00
Sidewalks.....	1000 00
Street Lighting.....	4110 00
Fire Department.....	2070 00
Water Sinking Fund.....	2500 00
Storage Battery for Central Fire Station.....	500 00
Repairing Tool House.....	100 00
Concrete Sidewalks.....	1000 00
Charles Street Drain.....	800 00

Electric Light, Franklin Street.....	\$12 50
“ “ corner Alden and Lakeview Sts.	12 50
“ “ Washington St. near Chestnut.	12 50
Reed Schoolhouse Addition.....	4100 00
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	\$71,097 50
State Tax for 1905.....	4960 00
County Tax for 1905.....	5365 17
State Highway Tax for 1905.....	84 85
Overlaying.....	343 33
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	\$81,850 85

VALUATION FOR 1905.

Real estate assessed	\$3,506,640 00
Personal estate assessed (excluding resident bank stock)	\$767,385
Resident bank stock.	38,800
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	\$4,312,825 00
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Tax of \$4,312,825 at \$18 per \$1,000....	\$77,630 85
Number of ratable polls 2110 at \$2.00....	4220 00
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	\$81,850 85
National Bank Tax (non-resident.....	201 60
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Amount committed to Collector as per war- rant.....	\$82,052 45
Old Colony Street Railway excise tax....	1110 72
Brockton & Plymouth Street Railway ex- cise tax.....	42 48
Real estate taxed additional \$1450 at \$18.	\$26 10

Personal estate taxed additional \$2800 at \$18.....	\$50 40
Number additional polls 11, at \$2.....	22 00
Total amount committed to Collector.	<u>\$83,304 15</u>

SUMMARY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

Stock in Trade.....	\$257,125 00
Machinery	225,325 00
Live stock	48,000 00
Other ratable personal estate.....	275,735 00
	<u>\$806,185 00</u>

Population of the town, May 1, 1905.....	6639
Number acres land assessed.....	3961
“ dwelling houses assessed.....	1373
“ horses assessed.....	417
“ cows assessed.....	341
“ sheep assessed.....	1
“ swine assessed.....	26
“ fowl assessed.....	745
“ neat cattle other than cows assessed...	21
“ persons assessed on property.....	1240
“ persons assessed for poll tax only.....	1358
Total value of land, excluding buildings..	\$1,204,935 00
“ “ “ buildings excluding land...	2,301,705 00
Total value of real estate assessed....	<u>\$3,506,640 00</u>

GEORGE D. SOULE,
 ISAIAH T. CHURCHILL, } Assessors of
 ARTHUR D. B. BUTLER, } Whitman.

Jan. 11, 1906.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit the following report:

Amount expended for the poor of	
Whitman.....	\$6,320 92
Amount expended for tramps.....	83 16
	—————
	\$6404 08
Amount appropriated.....	6500 00

Balance unexpended.....	\$95 92
Expended for Poor having a settlement in other towns and cities and the state.....	1834 60
Cash received and receivable from other towns and cities and the state.....	1834 60

The amount of \$8,238.68 which was expended for the Poor of this town and other places was distributed as follows:

Paid—	
Cash.....	\$1684 50
Board.....	2140 00
Rent.....	933 10
Dr. J. E. Burnette, Brockton.....	43 00
Dr. J. E. Bacon, Brockton.....	12 00
Dr. I. I. Richmond, East Bridgewater.....	16 85
Dr. H. W. Dudley.....	35 25
Dr. J. M. Coughlin, extracting teeth.....	2 50
Brockton Hospital.....	266 01
H. H. Hovey, medicine.....	80 90
H. C. Cleveland, medicine.....	4 50
H. P. Gerald, medicine.....	6 00
C. R. Hilberg & Co., medicine.....	35 34

Nursing and care.....	\$173 00
Burials	142 00
C. R. Cox, groceries.....	243 01
Nahum Reed, groceries.....	193 14
E. W. Noyes, groceries.....	18 00
J. F. Hoyt, groceries.....	187 09
William Spellman, groceries.....	11 00
William F. Coughlin, groceries.....	293 50
H. W. Lacey, groceries	3 00
A. F. Luzarder, groceries.....	20 00
Geo. A. Clift, groceries	139 93
J. W. Shaw Co., groceries.....	107 17
Barclay Bros., food for tramps	51 48
Wm. Bliss, meat.....	66 50
C. R. Dickerman & Son, meat	46 36
Miss Florence Porter, clothing	2 25
Geo. A. Reed & Co., clothing	1 17
B. F. Bowker & Co., clothing.....	10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing.....	16 00
E. J. Gaffney, shoes	18 40
Marble & Nevins, shoes.....	7 25
W. W. Josselyn, fuel.....	43 88
R. W. Cook, fuel	45 30
C. P. Slack, fuel.....	90 85
E. C. Howard, fuel	48 83
Joseph Murphy, fuel	74 89
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., fuel	13 76
Flagg Coal and Coke Co., fuel	30 70
P. O. Sullivan, cutting wood	15 00
John J. Nolan, carting "	12 00
C. B. Perry, teams.....	1 50
Otis L. Bonney, adoption papers.....	10 00
State	211 56
City of Brockton.....	6 38

City of Boston.....	\$53 00
City of Worcester.....	11 00
City of Waltham.....	7 26
City of Northampton	58 47
Town of Bridgewater.....	18 10
Town of Rockland	153 75
Town of Plymouth.....	256 25
Town of Weymouth.....	66 00
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	\$8238 68

GEORGE D. SOULE,	} Overseers of	
BENJAMIN C. REED,		the Poor of
ANDREW C. BRIGHAM		Whitman

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE,	} Auditors.
BELA ALDEN,	

Jan. 25, 1906.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer,

In account with the town of Whitman.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 26, 1905.....	\$10,483 36
Borrowed on temporary notes.....	62,500 00
Dyer School Loan	13,000 00
Received from—	
Benjamin C. Reed, Collector, on acct. taxes 1903	5,926 55
“ interest 1903	440 68
“ taxes 1904	18,645 52
“ interest 1904	508 62
“ taxes 1905	60,969 60
“ interest 1905	53 29
City of Boston, on account.....	192 59
City of Brockton, on account	38 00
City of Marlboro, on account	99 00
Town of Abington, on account.....	745 28
Town of Kingston, on account	40 00
Town of Amesbury, on account	22 50
Town of Rockland, on account	127 85
Town of Raynham, on account	156 00
Town of Plymouth, on account.....	120 14
City of Taunton, on account.....	148 65
Town of Hanson, on account	18 90
Town of Cohasset, on account	289 22
Town of Milford, on account	44 75

Town of Wareham, on account.....	\$153 26
Town of Pembroke, on account	50 92
Town of Weymouth, on account.....	118 00
Town of Middleboro, on account	\$22 00
Town of East Bridgewater, on account.....	19 00
Town of Scituate, on account	299 40
Town of Duxbury, on account.....	145 00
Town of East Bridgewater, for tuition.....	105 00
Town of Hanson, for tuition.....	421 50
Town of Rockland, for tuition	128 00
State Board Charity, for tuition.....	40 00
E. A. Gorham, for tuition	30 00
Carroll C. Foster, for tuition	20 00
William S. Rand, for tuition	10 00
C. O. Richmond, for tuition.....	5 38
Jessie G. Moore, for tuition	5 33
Fred Surdam, for tuition.....	2.67
Waldo E. Hill, for tuition	4 00
George Blanchard, for tuition.....	3 90
A. P. Sturtevant, for tuition.....	1 33
Old Colony Street Railway Co.,	4 90
A. A. Healy, filling	5 00
Fireworks, licenses	12 00
Junk Dealers, licenses.....	15 00
Auctioneer's licenses.....	2 00
Slaughter House, licenses.....	1 00
Board of Health.....	5 00
Highway Surveyor, rebate.....	10 00
Town Clerk, voting list.....	1 00
Michael Kenneally, use odorless excavator	119 95
Estate Sarah M. Bates, repaid aid.....	152 03
Overseers of Poor, repaid aid.....	6 00
2nd District Court, fines	555 05
County Treasurer, Dog Fund.....	870 57
H. S. Porter, Sheriff, fines.....	15 00

State Treasurer—

Corporation Tax.....	\$807 65
National Bank Tax.....	472 65
Military Aid	240 00
State Aid.....	6,089 50
Burial Soldiers	210 00
Street Railway Tax	700 30
Balance due from 1904	3 03

\$186,452 77

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Paid—

Selectmen's orders	\$63,535 35
School Committee orders.....	31,208 74
Town Notes	64,500 00
Interest on town notes.....	2,170 00
County Treasurer, County tax	5,365 17

State Treasurer—

State tax	4,960 00
National Bank tax	235 22
Repairs State Highway	84 85
Cash on hand	14,393 44

\$186,452 77

BENJAMIN C. REED, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Jan. 29, 1906.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN C. REED

In account with the TOWN OF WHITMAN.

TAXES FOR YEAR 1903

Balance uncollected last report.....	\$6,435 00
Relieved	426 47
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	6,008 53
Interest collected	440 68
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	\$6,449 21
Paid Town Treasurer.....	6,367 03
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Balance uncollected	\$82 18

TAXES FOR YEAR 1904

Balance uncollected at last report.....	\$24,454 75
Interest collected	583 29
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	\$25,038 04
Paid Town Treasurer	20,666 95
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Balance uncollected	\$4,371 09

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Feb. 6, 1906.

TAXES FOR YEAR 1905

Amount committed by warrants	\$82,736 12
“ “ additional	98 50
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	\$82,834 62
Interest collected	63 86
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	\$82,898 48
Paid Town Treasurer.....	61,134 04
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Amount uncollected.....	\$21,764 44

AMOUNT COMMITTED BY SPECIAL WARRANTS FOR EXCISE
TAXES FOR 1905

Old Colony Street Railway Co.....	1,110 72
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Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$1,110 72
Brockton and Plymouth St. Railway Co.....	42 48
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Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$42 48

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Feb. 6, 1906.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

In making our annual report for the year 1905 we would say that the health of the townspeople as a whole, has been satisfactory to the Board, there having been no epidemics of any kind during the year and but few contagious diseases. There has been a few sporadic cases as follows: Diphtheria, 2; Scarlet Fever, 7; Measles, 5; Typhoid Fever, 2. The last named did not originate in town but was brought here from Virginia. All of the above were promptly reported to the State Board and Superintendent of Schools as the law directs. On taking account of stock after organizing in the spring we found that by virtue of our office we were possessed of one very much worn odorless excavator. The pump, wheels and axles were entirely worn out and unfit for further use. At quite a large outlay we replaced the old pump with a new up-to-date one and put new and heavier wheels and axles onto the cart, making it better than it ever was before and it will need but little if anything laid out on it for a number of years. Mr. Kenneally still has charge of the same and is doing satisfactory work. We have virtually stopped dumping in the streets, which was getting to be a great nuisance, have caused a large number of cesspools to be put in where the sink drains formerly run out on top of the ground. We have also caused to be abated a number of nuisances of long standing, which have been a source of annoyance to former Boards and a menace to the public health, and we take this opportunity to thank the citizens and property owners for their kind cooperation in assisting us in putting the town in a fairly good sanitary condition. We wish to call the attention of the people again to the necessity of exercising great

care in handling wood alcohol as it is a very dangerous poison. We wish to say in regard to our buying the large amount of Formaldehyde that we did. We got two ten dollar generators that we would have had to pay for had we bought in a smaller quantity and as it does not deteriorate in strength or value by keeping, we think we did the wise thing in buying what we did.

We wish to call the attention of the town to a nuisance that exists at the lower east end of the Park, that gave us a great amount of trouble last summer, and urge upon the town the necessity of making a liberal appropriation to the Park Commissioners, so they may be able to put in the drainage as per plan adopted by the town, and in that way abate the nuisance. We would also urge upon the town the necessity of establishing as soon as possible some kind of a system of sewerage, although our town is quite healthy at present. Should an epidemic get started here it would be very hard to stamp it out with every second back yard a sewer.

Following is the report of Cattle Inspector: Dr. O. F. Bumpus inspected on premises of owners in the year 1905, cattle, 375; swine, 178; sheep, 22; premises where kept, 98; at slaughter houses, cattle, 0; veals, 76; swine, 109. Cases inspected and reported, Tuberculosis, 4; Glanders, 4; 1 horse killed.

LUCIUS COOK,	{	Board of Health.
GEO. A. EDSON,		
O. A. BEMIS,		

REPORT OF STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

Appropriation	\$4,147 50
Paid Edison Electric Illuminating Co :	
January.....	\$342 50
February	342 50
March	342 50
April	344 90
May	344 90
June.....	345 62
July.....	345 62
August.....	345 62
September	345 62
October	345 62
November	345 62
December	345 62
	———— \$4,136 64
Unexpended balance	10 86
	———— \$4,147 50

Three additional lights have been put in this year, making the total number of lights, incandescent, 159; arc, 27.

Respectfully submitted,
BRADFORD S. LITTLEFIELD,
LAWRENCE MAHONEY,
JOHN J. CODY.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, } Auditors.
BELA ALDEN, }

Feb 1, 1906.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Police Department for your consideration, for year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Number of arrests.....	138
Males.....	129
Females.....	9

CAUSES OF ARRESTS.

Assault.....	10
Bastardy.....	1
Breaking and Entering.....	3
Disturbing the Peace.....	23
Drunkenness.....	48
Insane.....	7
Idle and Disorderly.....	1
Keeping and Exposing Liquor for Sale.....	18
Larceny.....	4
Making Threats.....	1
Non-support of Family.....	7
Neglected children.....	6
For out of Town Officers for different offences....	5
Using Profane Language.....	1
Stubborn Child.....	1

Tramp	1
Violating By-Laws.....	1

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The above arrests were made by the officers stated below:

Patrick H. Smith	103
Thomas F. Kane	12
Foster J. Rand	7
Frank Erskine.....	7
Andrew R. McCallum.....	3
Charles F. Cook	1
Out of Town Officers.....	5

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FINAL DISPOSITION OF CASES

Committed to House of Correction.....	12
Committed to State Farm	6
Committed to Insane Hospital.....	7
Committed to Private Institutions.....	4
Number of persons paid fines.....	32
Number of persons paid cost of court.....	33
Number of persons awaiting disposition of court....	28
Number of persons discharged.....	3
Number of persons released.....	1
Number of persons appealed	3
Number of persons turned over to out of town officers	5
Number of persons had cases placed on file.....	2
Number of persons had cases placed on probation...	2

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MISCELLANEOUS

Number of Persons Lodged in Tramp House over night	600
Number of cases investigated	37
Number of buildings found open at night	50
Number of search warrants for intoxicating liquors.	30
Number of search warrants for stolen property.....	3
Number of Bicycles found.....	7
Number of Teams found.....	2
Value of stolen property recovered	\$249 75
Amount of imprisonment imposed by court, 8 years, 6 months and 10 days.....	

In conclusion permit me to extend to the Board of Selectmen my grateful appreciation for their uniform courtesy and co-operation; also to the citizens and police for their support during the past year.

PATRICK H. SMITH,
Chief of Police.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

I commenced work in the spring by setting out 37 Maple trees on Washington street and South avenue. Only one died that was set out last year.

Gave hearing on three trees and removed three large Elms.

The trees are in a healthy condition, but will need many dead limbs cut out this spring.

Would recommend the sum of \$250 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully,

C. A. RANDALL,

Tree Warden.

LOCAL AGENTS REPORT OF THE GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Considerable work has been done on the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth this winter in locating them. There are about thirty-five places infested with the Gypsy Moth. About three thousand Brown Tail nests have been cut off by the agent. Have been nearly over the town and cleared those that were left by the owners. With the assistance of the property owners think we can keep the pests down.

Every owner of a place must not think there will be as many cattapillars as ever. If they will take the trouble to go to Medford and see the condition of things there, they will gladly assist the local agent in his fight against them.

I would recommend the sum of \$350 for the ensuing year which I think will be sufficient, if a spray pump is not needed.

Respectfully Yours,

C. A. RANDALL,

Local Agent.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The appropriation of last annual meeting was expended almost entirely on the part of the park at the corner of Whitman and Maple Avenues, and the grading and draining as far as the grove was finished. When the work was finished it was too late to plant the shrubs and trees which the plan calls for there, and on account of lack of money the walks were not graveled. The tract worked upon has always been unsightly and unhealthy, as it was swampy, and stagnant water stood there most of the time. It was generally supposed that this would have to be filled in, but the plans called for no filling except grading the banks up to the streets and provided a system of drainage. That this was the right way to treat it is shown by the fact that the ground there has not been wet at any time since the work was done.

The northeast corner of the park is now probably the worst looking and the most dangerous to health of any spot in town, and we understand that if the town does not attend to it the Board of Health will abate the nuisance at once.

It would be unfortunate for the town if the Board of Health was obliged to do anything here, as they would probably not do the work with the idea of the final beauty and usefulness of the park; so their work would ultimately be wasted. The plans adopted by the town calls for the treatment of this tract in the most economical and artistic way and no doubt would be as efficient as they proved in the part done this year. We accordingly ask for an appropriation to finish this part of the park this year.

The amount asked for is large but the greater part of the work on this track is drainage and we do not see how we can get the desired results until the whole system is in, and there seems no place to stop digging trenches and laying pipe, except when the pipes are connected and the trenches filled up.

In regard to the work on the parts called for by the plans we can say that this work will finish the main parts of the park so that future appropriations can go to perfecting details and adding to its beauty and usefulness.

Every year there is more trouble about the use of the ball ground as there are sometimes three or four nines that want to use it at the same time, and now there is no authority that can settle disputes. There has also this year been more cases of vandalism, which should be stopped. The police are also anxious to stop certain lawlessness on the park. The only way to give anyone authority on the park is to adopt the Park Act, which we recommend be done at the annual meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Paid—

Charles D. Dyer, Superintendent ..	\$101 56	
James Coughlan, labor.....	36 00	
C. B. Coles, labor	2 00	
Gus Freeman, labor	15 25	
George Leighton, labor	57 50	
Dennis McCarthy, labor.....	53 00	
William McGalvery, labor.....	74 25	
Martin Nevins, labor	78 75	
Timothy Swift, labor.....	78 00	
George Tyler, labor.....	2 00	
B. Winslow, labor.....	6 00	
John Monahan, labor.....	57 00	
	<hr/>	\$361 31

TEAMS

S. B. Dyer.....	\$93 84	
B. F. Churchill	13 00	
C. B. Coles	25 78	
F. McCarthy	81 25	
E. E. Robbins	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$226 87

MISCELLANEOUS

Ernest C. Howard, pipe, etc.....	95 21	
S. G. Wyman, Trees	9 00	
Whitman Moulding Co., stakes....	5 25	
Ernest W. Bowditch, surveying ...	25 25	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Freight..	1 37	
Fairbanks Bros. Co., supplies and labor	5 08	
Allen-Thompson-Whitney Co., 10 seats.....	40 00	
A. H. Peterson, catch basins.....	43 50	
Lewis F. Adams, sharpening lawn mowers.....	2 25	
Estate of Geo. B. Bowers, Park grates.....	8 00	
Jerome Gookins, catch basin stone.	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$279 91
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		\$1068 09
Appropriation		1000 00
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Excess of Expenditure.....		\$68 09

A. H. BRIGHAM,	}	Park Commissioners.
C. D. DYER,		
W. E. TRUFANT,		

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

I respectfully submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

The appropriations for highways, drains and bridges, sidewalks, etc., are hereby given, together with all expenditures and receipts.

Have constructed 3000 lineal feet of macadam, which constitutes a continuous stone way from Hanson to Brockton.

Repaired four miles of earth sidewalks, laid about 1552 yards of concrete, set 873 feet of edgestone. In order to comply with the vote of the town to drain Charles street, we necessarily had to drain quite a portion of Park avenue to get a proper outlet for side drainage. We laid 1102 feet of drain pipe, constructed twelve catch basins and two manholes; laid fifty feet of twelve-inch pipe on Blake street, that was excavated from Whitman avenue, which was not needed, under the present system, the surface water from that locality is now taken down the Charles street drain; the pipe that is placed under the northerly end of Blake street is a nucleus for the drainage of said street, which is very much in want of drainage, and when a proper drain is constructed in that vicinity it will relieve South avenue at the intersection of Blake street, as all the storm water on South avenue from the High school building passes to the railroad station, and by directing a part of it, under Blake street, would obviate a serious matter, and would recommend the drainage of said streets in the near future. The actual excess of Charles

street drain is not shown in the following financial report for the reason of having \$146.70 worth of 12 inch pipe in stock which was appropriated in the construction, and the deficit of \$406.22 drawn from the highway appropriation, making a total excess of \$552.92, which is quite a large excess, over the estimated cost, which was made by some party unknown to the road department. The cost of the drain could not have been less and have it successful.

Persons making estimates for the road department, should consult with the selectmen, in order to get the approximate cost of the material and labor, otherwise it is misleading to the voter and taxpayer, the road department assumes it to be their duty to comply with the vote of the town, and if the appropriation is not ample to perform the specific work, in a workmanlike manner, it is embarrassing to the officials. Some criticism is made by road builders, and others, on our system of grading the streets. It is said we spend too much money in laying out and executing the proper grade of our roads. We want to invite your attention to one fact, at least, which is that the street may be constructed to last for twenty years with slight repairs, but if the grade is made what it properly should be, in the beginning, there will be no need to touch that further, and if some of the critics would do a little figuring they would see that although the surface of the roadway is exceedingly important, yet attention should be paid to the grades. That fact we consider to be an important matter to consider, but it should be remembered that our established town grade is to be made for all time, and if these facts are borne in mind, there will be less opposition to our graded system. Within the next twenty-five years, the present mode of travel will be considered obsolete. Then we will have means of travel which will be entirely independent of the energy of the muscles of animals, because the latter is a very costly form of energy. We are coming to that, and we believe in laying out our work for the future. That fact ought to be kept in consideration, as well as the construction of a permanent surface.

Would renew my previous recommendation with reference to grading and constructing a stone surface on Park Avenue.

It was the intention to construct said way the past season, but in the interim the town voted to drain Charles street, and to conform to that request it was necessary to drain under Park avenue, and it would have been detrimental to macadam on newly removed sub-grade, but in the coming season the trench will be compact, and then it can be macadamized with good results.

Good roads are not only essential to economy, comfort and convenience, but have a decided influence on the value of property contiguous to them. Such improvements enhance the production, and economy in transporting persons and property.

And now, permit me to again enjoin your liberal provisions for the development of permanent improvements of our highways and sidewalks.

A. A. HEALY,
Highway Surveyer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

ASSETS.

Highways, Bridges and Drains.....	\$5000 00
Estimated excise tax	1100 00
Sidewalks	1000 00
Concrete	1000 00
Abutters assessment.....	683 67
Incidentals	500 00
Charles street drain.....	800 00
Removing snow	1200 00
Tool House.....	100 00
Electric R. Road.....	81 68
Rebate on bill (paid to Town Treasurer).....	10 00
Drain pipe on hand, 1904, used in Charles street drain.....	146 70
	\$11,622 05

EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS. MEN.

John McCarthy.....	\$71 25
Charles Hayes.....	298 13
Andrew Neville.....	320 39
Michael Keating.....	306 39
Daniel Maloney	113 13
E. S. Nutter	9 00
Dennis Crowley	288 26
William McGrath	251 25
John Bennett	302 63

Michael McGrail.....	174 13
James Quinn.....	247 19
A. A. Healy.....	574 80
Patrick Driscoll.....	60 75
Patrick Sullivan.....	296 13
Patrick McCraith.....	282 76
Fred. Spaulding.....	38 00
Paul White.....	38 00
Michael Behan.....	1 63
Sylvester Dagle.....	213 75
Peter Lemon.....	24 82
L. C. Hall.....	2 50
John Londregan.....	24 82
James Powers.....	19 57
John O'Hearn.....	1 25
John Hines.....	232 00
John Riley.....	108 88
John Monegan.....	132 26
Timothy Swift.....	45 25
Thomas Downey.....	8 00
Stephen Leavett.....	12 75
Simon Rourke.....	18 50
James Coughlin.....	17 72
James Poole.....	11 88
Martin Nevins.....	29 75

\$4577 52

TEAMS.

Paid —

Michael Kenneally.....	160 61
Henry D. Reed.....	172 23
John Nolan.....	310 56
Patrick O'Donnell.....	255 74
James English.....	88 47

Patrick Nolan.....	170 62
John Savage	15 64
Florence McCarthy.....	140 77
Charles Tyler.....	36 56
C. B. Perry.....	131 23
B. F. Churchill.....	74 34
Chester Sharpe	178 95
Thomas Costello.....	78 81
James Poole	221 41
A. Vaughan.....	101 55
T. S. W. Keene.....	106 89
Clement Tyler	143 82
E. E. Robbins.....	22 95
E. Benson	32 09
H. Maxim	74 75
Jooseph Murphy.....	43 26
Thomas Lynch	23 97
Freeman Reed	13 00
Bert Keene	13 00
John Burke.....	4 47

\$2615 69

MISCELLANEOUS

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	\$61 95
Jerome Gookin, edgestone.....	155 30
M. N. Cartier & Sons, Pitch.....	31 35
L. C. Hall, labor.....	15 00
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 25
E. C. Howard, sledges, handles, etc.....	6 27
Arthur Maglathlin, labor.....	45 59
Whitman Hardware Co., shovel.....	90
George G. Harding, labor	9 75
J. R. Connell, picks.....	4 15
Albert Faunce, labor and stock.....	9 15

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	2 40
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	38 09
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	40 95
M. N. Cartier & Sons., pitch.....	19 53
Daniel Russell, sand dryer.....	85 00
Town of Rockland, use of road roller.....	24 00
Randall W. Cook, coal.....	40 08
Albert Faunce, plank, etc.....	15 00
L. C. Hall, labor.....	13 25
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 05
Edson Manufacturing Co., hose.....	4 25
E. C. Howard, barrows, etc.....	8 10
Denison Estabrook, scrapers, etc.....	1 50
Randall W. Cook, coal and drain pipe.....	67 41
Barbour, Stockwell Co., ring.....	10 00
Charles A. Claffin Co., oil.....	23 00
Jerome Gookin, paring blocks.....	99 68
Whitman Carriage Co., labor.....	21 80
Walter Pearson, labor	45
Pratt Foundry Co., catch basins	126 00
Walter Pearson, labor	2 40
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co.....	24
James A. Holland, labor	17 00
S. C. Hall, labor	36 25
J. M. Penniman, express.....	4 02
Fairbanks Bros. Co., pails	1 50
C. B. Perry, labor.....	4 06
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight	56
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight	3 84
Randall W. Cook, coal.....	19 72
A. C. Whitmarsh, lumber, etc.....	46 87
Walter Pearson, labor	71
Barbour, Stockwell Co., traps, etc.....	27 50
Jerome Gookin, flagging	75 14
Fairbanks Bros. Co., wire.....	60

Andrew H. Peterson, labor and bricks.....	65 40
Ames Plow Co., bolts, etc.....	5 24
Joseph Breck & Sons, scythes.....	7 50
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 40
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, inspection of boiler	2 00
E. C. Howard, cement.....	09
A. J. Bartlett, gravel.....	2 05
Walter Pearson, labor.....	48
George A. Clift, oil.....	1 45
Randall W. Cook, drain pipe.....	119 27
Charles Conant, labor.....	14 75
Fairbanks Bros., pail, etc.....	1 25
Paul Black, labor and stock.....	162 04
Benjamin Hobart Co., ashes.....	1 68
Andrew Peterson, labor and stock.....	144 48
Waldo Bros., picks.....	12 00
Charles P. Slack, wood.....	18 90
Barbour, Stockwell Co., traps.....	7 50
Packard Bros., packing.....	80
William Hines, labor.....	3 25
City of Brockton, pipe.....	12 80
Andrew McCallum, labor.....	2 65
Whitman Carriage Co., picks.....	1 25
Randall Cook, oil.....	1 82
E. C. Howard, drain pipe.....	59 95
C. B. Perry, labor.....	9 46
A. J. Bartlett, gravel.....	4 05
George H. Pearson, oil and labor.....	1 65
Chester Maglathlin, labor.....	1 75
J. T. Noyes, labor.....	10 00
D. W. Ford, stone.....	24 50
J. A. Holland, labor.....	22 00
James Poole, stone.....	3 00
Walter Pearson, labor, etc.....	2 50

A. J. Wilkinson, steel tape.....	10 67
Clement Tyler, labor.....	2 40
J. A. Holland, labor.....	2 25
J. A. Barlow, labor.....	2 50
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co.....	68
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	3 60
Hinds & Coon, axle grease.....	2 00
Arthur Maglathlin, stone work.....	34 12
Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co.....	42
Jerome Gookin, paving blocks.....	196 76
Whitman Moulding Co., stakes.....	1 35
Walter Pearson, labor.....	2 48
E. C. Howard, twine, etc.....	68
A. Frank Dyer, shaft.....	3 50
Randall W. Cook, coal.....	10 33
A. Frank Dyer, repairs on tool house.....	3 50
Albert Faunce, labor and lumber.....	7 75
T. S. Keene, stone.....	64 63
J. T. Dunbar, labor.....	3 00
A. L. Vaughan, stone.....	10 00
George G. Harding, labor.....	8 25
James A. Barlow, labor.....	15 00
Jerome Gookin, stone.....	7 00
James A. Barlow, labor.....	2 50
J. C. Gilbert, faucet rates.....	3 00
James A. Barlow, labor.....	15 00
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	63 82
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	27
L. C. Hall, labor.....	52 50
Charles Conant, labor.....	50 90
N. H. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	36 48

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INCIDENTALS.

C. B. Perry, use of horse and labor	5 38
Andrew H. Peterson, labor and stock.....	4 00
Washburn & Davie, pipe and sundries.....	10 80
Albert Culver & Co., coal.....	1 75
Andrew H. Peterson, labor.....	10 00
Walter Pearson, labor.....	60
Andrew H. Peterson, bricks, etc.....	4 90
Whitman Water Works, water rates.....	3 00
E. C. Howard, oil, etc.....	35
Barbour, Stockwell Co., rings.....	4 75
Randall W. Cook, pipe.....	11 85
Commonwealth Shoe & Leather Co., ashes.....	7 21
Randall W. Cook, shovel.....	1 00
J. C. Gilbert, caps and fuse.....	1 59
George A. Clift, oil.....	8 40
Good Roads Machinery Co., bolts.....	17 00
M. N. Cartier & Sons, pitch.....	41 35
Ames Plow Co., barrel.....	3 50
Ames Plow Co., axle.....	45
M. N. Cartier & Sons, soapstone.....	5 00
Benjamin Hobart Co., ashes.....	2 66
William Ripley, labor.....	5 75
William Coyne, labor.....	1 00
R. W. Cook, salt.....	1 63
M. N. Cartier & Sons, tar.....	183 00
George H. Pearson, oil.....	2 20
J. M. Penniman, express.....	1 30
A. R. McCallum, labor and stock.....	28 98
Harold L. Bond Co., pump.....	4 50
E. F. Keene, stone.....	5 05
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight.....	41 73
S. A. Coombes, labor.....	32 81
Washburn & Davie, spikes, etc.....	1 23
Charles A. Claflin & Co., oil.....	3 75
L. C. Hall, labor.....	10 00
Whitman Hardware Co., paint.....	1 60
Daniel Russell, steel, etc.....	27 30
E. C. Howard, oil and sundries.....	3 40

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REMOVING SNOW.

Paid—

J. J. Monegan.....	\$8 25
James Smith.....	8 75
J. Nolan.....	41 00
Chas. D. Dyer.....	2 75
A. L. Vaughan.....	18 38
O. H. Ellis.....	2 25
Stephen Leavett.....	2 00
Thomas Lynch.....	32 25
A. A. Healy.....	78 00
William McGrath.....	3 75
Dennis Crowley.....	8 50
Henry L. Bates.....	2 00
Charles Conant.....	28 88
W. Gannett.....	1 13
R. Deal.....	3 00
Michael McGrail.....	2 25
Wilson Sears.....	37 25
John Hines.....	2 25
William Work.....	4 25
Fred. S. Lawrence.....	1 88
John McCarthy.....	75
John S. Hines.....	2 00
E. E. Robbins.....	19 38
Sylvester Dagle.....	3 88
Michael Keating.....	4 13
Daniel Maloney.....	6 13
Patrick Sullivan.....	6 63
Andrew Neville.....	14 25
Charles Hayes.....	11 88
C. B. Perry.....	44 13
Patrick McCraith.....	15 00
John Coyne.....	1 75
J. Rosen.....	27 00

John Riley	3 75
John Downey	50
A. Horte	2 50
James Poole	39 00
Patrick Driscoll	11 25
William Foley	8 75
William Ripley	8 25
Michael Mullen	13 00
Walter Lovell	8 00
Michael Mahoney	5 00
D. Holt	3 25
George Faunce	3 75
Walter Richmond	1 50
B. F. Churchill	37 25
Michael Kenneally	56 00
A. O. Stetson	1 25
Frank Lawson	1 88
T. W. S. Keene	11 25
George Keene	3 50
Ezra Maxim	1 25
Bert Maxim	2 50
Patrick Swift	1 75
J. Jenkins	1 75
Clifton Taft	2 00
Frank Bradford	1 50
Clifford Abbott	1 13
Edgar Smith	1 50
Burton Dyer	1 63
Elmer Benson	1 75
Davis Turner	3 00
W. Mann	75
James English	41 50

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BILLS ON SNOW ACCOUNT

Whitman Molding Co., lumber	2 60
Whitman Water Works, water rates	3 00
Whitman Carriage Co, repairs	2 50
James Poole, labor.....	8 10
E. E. Robbins, labor.....	1 25
I. J. Smith, labor	5 00
Whitman Molding Co., labor.....	1 75
John Nolan, labor.....	1 42
Whitman Carriage Co., repairs.....	6 75
John M. Penniman, express.....	25
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	\$32 62
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	\$11,022 78
Unexpended	599 27
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	\$11,622 05

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Expended	986 76
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Unexpended	\$13 24

CONCRETE.

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Abutters Assessment	683 67
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	1683 67
Expended	1576 03
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Unexpended	\$7 64

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended	500 77
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Excess.....	77

CHARLES STREET DRAIN.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Expended	806 22
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Excess	\$6 22

TOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Expended	95 87
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Unexpended	\$4 13

REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation	\$1200 00
Expended	759 94
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Unexpended	\$440 06

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES,
AND DRAINS.

Appropriation	\$6100 00
Pipe on hand, 1904	146 70
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	\$6246 70
Expended	\$6197 19
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Unexpended	\$55 51

SUMMARY.

Assets		Expended	
Highways.....	\$5000 00	Highways.....	6197 19
Estimated excise tax.....	1100 00	Sidewalks.....	986 76
Sidewalks.....	1000 00	Concrete.....	1676 03
Concrete.....	1000 00	Charles street drain.....	806 22
Abutters assesments.....	683 67	Tool House.....	95 87
Incidentals.....	500 00	Incidentals.....	500 77
Tool House.....	100 00	Removing Snow.....	759 94
Removing Snow.....	1200 00		
Charles Street Drain.....	800 00		\$11,022 78
Electric Railroad.....	81 68		
Rebate on Bill (paid Town			
Treasurer.....	10 00		
Drain Pipe on hand, 1904,			
used in Charles Street			
Drain.....	146 70	Unexpended.....	599 27
	<u>\$11,622 05</u>		<u>\$11,622 05</u>

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Jan. 26, 1906.

ESTIMATES FOR 1906.

Highways, bridges, and drains, in addition to	
excise tax.....	\$5000 00
Sidewalks.....	1000 00
Incidentals.....	500 00
Removing snow.....	500 00

WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The work accomplished by the trustees and librarians the present year has practically been the same as in years past.

New books have been purchased as liberally as the money appropriated would allow. The great demand for fiction has obliged the buying in that line principally.

The purchases of permanent value have been a Smith-Premier typewriter, a Standard Unabridged dictionary, Rand & McNally's atlas in two volumes, and the Cyclopoedia of Names.

The lamentably poor accommodations of the library are becoming a serious question with the trustees. No other town, however small, but can boast of better, and they do not reflect credit on a town as prosperous and thriving as Whitman is. The reading room will soon have to be taken for books. The thoughtful attention of our citizens is again called to the subject.

From time to time complaints are brought to the attention of the Board of the disorderly conduct of a few of our young people in the reading room and about the door. If continued, their names will necessarily have to be reported to the police. It is the wish that no one shall be deprived of the use of the library.

An appropriation of \$1,800 is recommended for the next year.

D. A. PARTRIDGE,
EUGENIA F. LOVELL,
LIZZIE B. BOSWORTH,
GEORGE A. DORR,
FRANCIS J. HANLEY,
E. J. GAFFNEY.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Number of books added to the Library since last report, 226, making the present number 12,048. An actual count would reduce this number somewhat, as some of the books previously counted have become worn out and out of print, therefore cannot be replaced; and a few others have been discarded. Donations to the Library in the form of reports from the secretary of state, and from individual sources have been received, viz.:

FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Annual reports of the Smithsonian Institution for 1903 and 1904
 Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, parts of Vols. 46 and 49.
 Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, parts 3 and 4 (quarterly issue).

Index to the Literature of Gallium, 1874-1903.

Index to the Literature of Germanium, 1886-1903.

FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

Bibliography and Chronological Record, 1789-1904.

Vernon and Wager manuscripts.

Benjamin Franklin papers.

Official Report of the 13th Universal Peace Conference.

Report of the Librarian of Congress.

FROM SECRETARY OF STATE.

Twelve volumes of Massachusetts Public Documents.

Annual Report of the Department of the Interior.—Commissioner of Education. Vols. I and II for 1903.

Bulletins Nos. 101 and 106 of the Hatch Experiment Station at Amherst, Mass.

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900.—Statistical Atlas
 Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts, 1905.

Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.
 Vol. XII, 1741-1747. Appendix VIII.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War,
 Vol. XIII. Rea-Sey.

History of the Fifth Massachusetts Battery.

History of Concord, Mass., Vol. I.

Patriotic Studies.

Manual for the General Court, 1905.

Pamphlets,—Objections to Reciprocity on Constitutional and Practical Grounds.

List of References on Primary Elections.

Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1905.

Reports of Certain Charitable Corporations.

Bulletin of Charities and Correction.

Taxation of Ground Rent.

Journal of Prison Discipline and Philanthropy.

New England Shoe and Leather Association Gazette.

Select list of books on railroads in foreign countries.

Life Insurance, Its Abuses and Remedies.

Report of the Eleventh Annual Meeting on International Arbitration.

Report on Public Reservations, 1904.

International Library of Technology.—An epitome of industrial economy.

History of the Fifth Massachusetts Battery.

History of Concord, Mass., Vol. I.

Abstract of the Twelfth Census, 1900.

Annual Reports—Journal of the Senate, 1905.

Annual Reports—House of Representatives, 1905.

Massachusetts Vital Records of Boxford, Charlton, Marblehead, Medway, Oxford, Palmer, Rutland.

Record of the Dedication of the Statute of Major-General William Francis Bartlett. (A tribute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts).

Canadian Year Book for 1905.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORTS AND CATALOGUES.

From New York—The Astor and Lenox Foundations. (Report of).

From Boston—Fifty-third Annual Report.

Massachusetts State Library—Report of the Librarian.

Syracuse—Library Report for 1904.

South Hampton—Library Report of the Forbes Library for

1903-1904.

Fall River—Library Report for 1904 and 1905.

Hyde Park—Library Report for 1904.

Brockton—Library Report for 1904.

Weymouth—Library Report for 1904.

A. L. A. Catalogue.

FROM INDIVIDUAL SOURCES.

Inebriety, Its Source, Prevention, and Cure. By C. H. Palmer.

Life More Abundant. By Henry Wood.

Military and Civil Life of Gen. Grant. By J. P. Boyd.

Crumbs Swept Up (short stories). By T. DeWitt Talmage.

Elsie. By Annie Thompson.

One Little Woman. By Annah L. Leah.

Bought and Won. By Maria Dorset.

Periodicals—Woman's Journal (from the publishers).

Christian Register, from Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian Church, Whitman Mass.

Cheerful letter from same source.

STATISTICS OF CIRCULATION.

History	378
Science	253
Sociology	40
Poetry and Drama	149
Religion, Philosophy	51
Travel and Description	118
Periodicals	988
Arts	70
Biography	224
Adult Fiction	16,622
Juvenile Fiction	10,042
Language and Literature	249
Sports and Amusements	13
Education	30
Reference	64
Circulation for the year	29,291

Largest weekly circulation.....	787
Smallest weekly circulation.....	426
Largest number of volumes given out in one day	253
Smallest number of volumes given out in one day.....	34
Number of cards given out since last report...	278
Total number of cards given out.....	7,246

Respectfully,

E. S. SPILSTEAD, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EDWARD J. GAFFNEY, Treasurer,

In account with WHITMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

Cash on hand January 27, 1905.....	\$3 59
Received from Town Treasurer.....	1800 00
Received from Librarian, fines and sales of catalogues.....	104 00
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	<u>\$1907 59</u>

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Paid—

Miss E. S. Spilsted, librarian.....	\$450 00
Miss Lucy Osborne, assistant librarian.....	208 00
W. W. Livingstone, work at library.....	34 00
Books and magazines.....	457 69
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.....	99 43
H. B. Harding, printing.....	48 10
Joseph Murphy, wood and coal.....	73 45
C. F. Reed, postal cards.....	1 00
E. E. Bassett, electric lamps.....	3 40
Cutter-Tower Co., typewriter.....	50 00
Library Bureau, supplies.....	50
James English, sprinkling streets in 1904.....	3 50
J. E. Andrews, paint.....	40
Massachusetts Library Art Club, membership dues.....	5 00
Albert Davis, rent.....	250 00
Rebinding books.....	82 55
Fairbanks Bros. Co., window brush.....	75

George D. Soule, insurance.....	50 58
C. F. Allen, insurance.....	51 21
M. P. O'Connor, repairs.....	3 35
J. M. Penniman, express.....	15 05
Adams, Cushing & Foster, supplies.....	2 25
Roy Allen, lamps and work.....	17 11
Cash on hand January 29, 1906.....	37

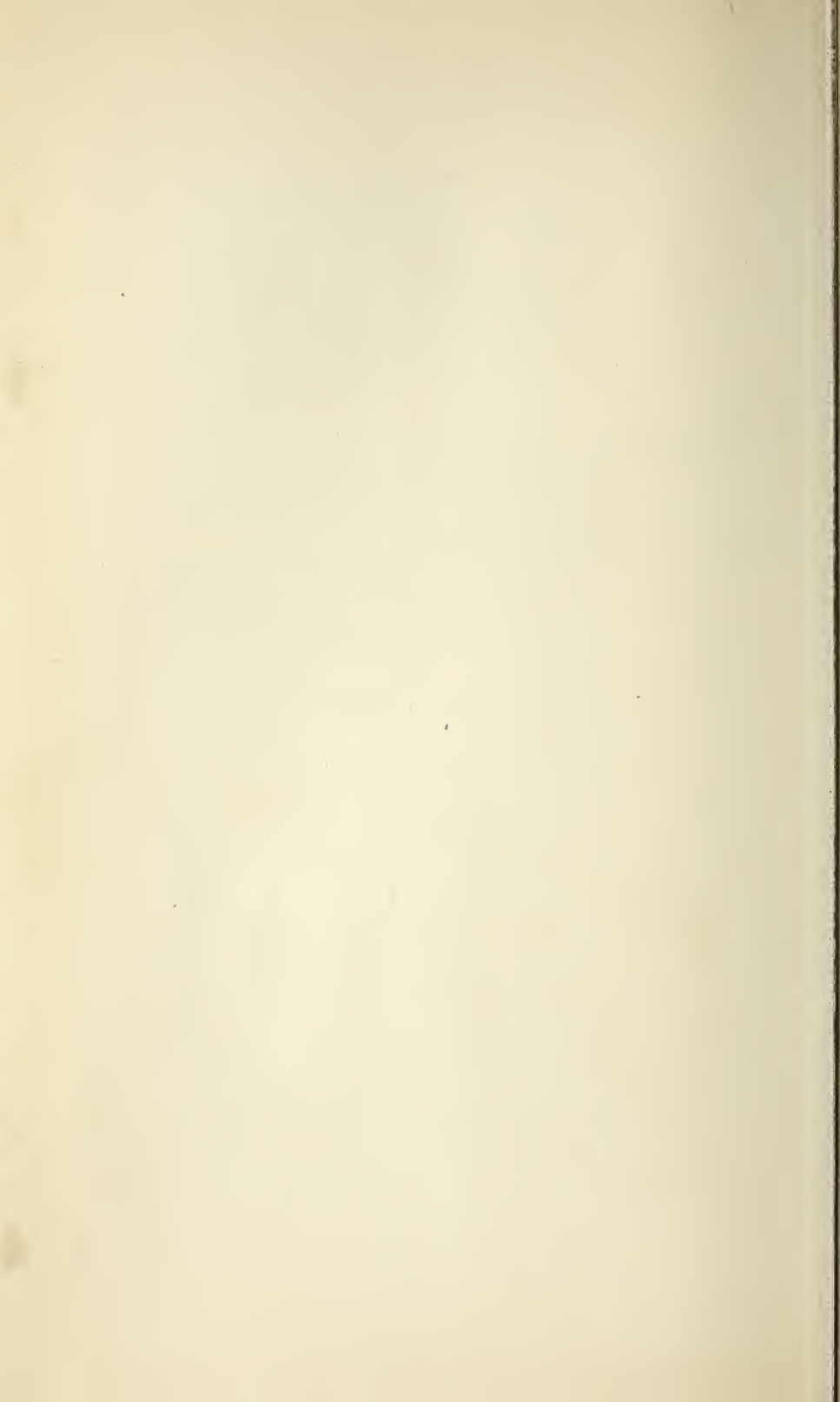
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We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

January 30, 1906.





TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WHITMAN IN 1905.

- January 8. Ernest S. Stone of Lynn, and Anna E. Powers of Whitman.
- January 15. Henry M. Jackson and Olive Sawyer of Whitman.
- January 16. William H. Thomas, Jr., of Whitman, and Elizabeth J. Burchard of Brockton.
- February 8. Walter C. Josselyn and Amy M. Winnett of Whitman.
- February 15. George Porter of Whitman, and Annie Smith of North Abington.
- February 23. James D. Keene and Gladice Owens of Whitman.
- February 25. Alfred L. White and Ada F. Poole of Whitman.
- March 9. Henry F. Prentiss of Whitman, and Flora E. Prentiss of Saco, Me.
- March 11. Ansel L. Ladd of Whitman, and Ida L. Belcher of Abington.
- March 22. William H. Dudley and Georgiana W. Hanley of Whitman.
- March 23. John M. Handy and Alice M. Phillips of Whitman.
- March 25. LeRoy K. Soule and Malinda E. Gibbs of Whitman.
- March 28. Dudley L. Whitmarsh of Whitman, and Grace H. Farrar, of Lewiston, Me.
- April 8. Leon E. Robbins and Cora E. Wright of Whitman.
- April 18. Charles E. Mellor and Emma Goddard of Whitman.
- April 19. Arthur E. Taylor of Abington, and Alice F. Cooke of Whitman.
- April 19. Frederick H. Black and Edith M. Larry of Whitman.
- April 23. James Poole and Margaret McCormick of Whitman.
- April 29. Charles F. Pratt and Ethel M. Blanchard of Whitman.
- May 10. LeRoy B. Cash of Brockton, and Cora M. Randall of Whitman.
- May 10. Howard C. Brewster and Edith M. Gurney of WORTHINGTON.

- May 15. Elmer T. Benson and Mabel H. Waltz of Whitman.
- May 23. Thomas Meehan of Brockton, and Annie O'Neill of Whitman.
- May 31. James A. Jackson and Margaret E. Desmond of Whitman.
- June 5. William F. Kelly and Mary English of Whitman.
- June 14. Howard M. Decrow and Nina J. Douglas of Whitman.
- June 15. Warren J. Bazley and Harriet A. Taylor of Everett.
- June 17. George A. Knowlton of Taunton, and Millie E. Spaulding of Whitman.
- June 21. Arthur C. Brewster and Mabel F. Williamson of Whitman.
- June 22. Harry W. Packard and Edna J. James of Whitman.
- June 22. Louis B. Smith and Alma F. Wright of Whitman.
- June 26. Henry A. Wood of Bryantville, and Grace B. Joselyn of Whitman.
- June 27. Michael Reinhardt of Brockton, and Katherine McCarthy of Whitman.
- June 28. S. Burton Dyer of Whitman, and Annie E. Gulligan of So. Weymouth.
- June 29. Emery W. Sturtevant of Whitman, and Edith W. White of E. Bridgewater.
- July 1. Arthur Vigneau and Maggie O'Brien of Whitman.
- July 14. Robert H. Pike of Brockton, and Inez E. Staples of Whitman.
- July 15. William H. Holmes and Olive E. Russell of Whitman.
- July 21. John J. Callan and Pearl M. Harding of Cambridge.
- August 2. Edwin A. Brown of Whitman, and Joanna C. Carty of Webster.
- August 7. Everett B. Reed and Jennie M. Chase of Whitman.
- August 9. Henry P. Welden and Margaret Mahoney of Whitman.
- August 10. Ernest W. Eagan of Brockton, and Nellie A. Churchill of Whitman.
- August 19. Chester D. Taft of Putney, Vt., and Harriet E. Gardiner of Whitman.
- August 23. Herbert H. Holmes of Boston, and Martha M. White of Whitman.

- August 31. George F. Spear and Minerva Spear of Whitman.
- September 2. Hazen B. Robinson and Susie Germaine of Whitman.
- September 6. Charles H. McPherson of Whitman, and Ruth M. Black of East Weare, N. H.
- September 9. Thomas D. Smith of Whitman, and Delia A. Lucas of Boston.
- September 13. Joseph E. Clough and Emma F. Abbott of Boston.
- September 20. Clarence B. Drake of Fairhaven, and Anna L. Gibbs of Whitman.
- September 20. James F. Steeves and Agnes A. Knight of Whitman.
- September 25. Robert E. Nesmith and Bessie M. Reed of Whitman.
- October 4. Francis A. Lawson and Bessie M. Trites of Whitman.
- October 4. David B. Pratt of East Bridgewater, and Eliza A. Sharp of Whitman.
- October 5. Frank J. Donahue of Rockland, and Edith M. Appleford of Whitman.
- October 10. Harry A. Atwood of Brockton, and Laurana W. Maxim of Whitman.
- October 11. John A. Hunnewell of Whitman, and Mattie F. Wilder of Hingham.
- October 23. Frank H. Horte of Whitman, and Alice M. Thoreau of Denver, Col.
- October 28. William E. Perry and Hattie T. Young of Whitman.
- October 28. Thomas H. Thorp of Whitman, and Sarah J. Bassett of Fairhaven.
- November 4. John O. Morgan and Faustina Mellor of Whitman.
- November 8. Ernest Cook and Catherine A. Turple of Whitman.
- November 15. James G. Marrow of Whitman, and Alice R. Pells of Brockton.
- November 22. Joseph I. Bates and Ida A. McDougal of Whitman.
- November 29. Wilfred Vigneux and Alice H. Freeman of Whitman.
- November 29. Frank H. Harlow and Agnes F. Lemon of Whitman.

- November 29. Frank E. Edson of Whitman, and Maud C. Raymond of East Bridgewater.
- November 29. Robert A. Jackson and Ella L. Strang of Whitman.
- November 29. Burton P. Drake of Whitman, and Katie A. Sheehan of East Weymouth.
- November 30. Jeremiah Driscoll of East Boston, and Bridget Crowley of Whitman.
- November 30. Harrison G. O. Wetherell of Whitman, and Mary Carter of Middleboro.
- December 19. Charles A. Whitman and Susie A. Reed of Whitman.
- December 19. John A. Shorburn and Mattie Dodge of Whitman.
- December 20. Frank J. Semins of Brockton, and Alice T. Spooner of Whitman.
- December 23. Arthur N. Powers and Bessie Anderson of Whitman.
- December 23. Leon R. Johnson of Hanson, and Avis A. Hesselberg of Whitman.
- December 23. Frank C. Bourne of West Hanover, and Clara Perkins of Whitman.
- December 23. James A. Griswold and Katie Swift of Whitman.
- December 23. James D. McKay of Whitman, and Alice W. Chamberlain of East Bridgewater.
- December 24. Frederick T. Paine of Providence, R. I., and Emma E. Atwood of Whitman.
- December 25. William H. Connell and Delia Girard of Whitman.
- December 25. Norris W. Miles of Whitman, and Ethel Edland of West Bridgewater.
- December 25. John W. Dunford and Margaret F. McNeil of Whitman.
- December 31. Chester B. Morse and Lottie M. Ellis of Rochester.



1905
BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1905.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
January	Ernest Linwood Ripley,	Joseph W. and Effie M.,	Plant
"	George Lawson, Jr.	George and Mary E.,	Brown
"	Edith Lillian Kent,	Harry H. and Ada J.,	Morse
"	Esther Hurd Blanchard,	Benjamin C. and Barrietta,	Slack
"	Clarence Arthur Millette,	Joseph and Mary,	Laugell
"	Smith,	John J. and Kate,	Bassins
"	James David Sweeney,	Cornelius F. and Annie L.,	Kenney
"	Kenneth Barbrick Irwin,	Charles P. and Mary,	Skaling
February	Hazel Gertrude Packard,	Burton E. and Marion M.,	Kingman
"	Vernetta Rosalia Sears,	William W. and Hattie S.,	Chandler
"	Mary Luella Jones,	Frederick and Jennie E.,	Warren
"	Albert Isadore Kumins,	Maurice M. and Rosella,	Sherman
"	Leo Louis Smith,	Joseph R. and Lena A.,	Conroy
"	Jack Grant Hovey,	Harry H. and Elizabeth B.,	Grant
"	Edith Alice Atkinson,	George and Alice,	Smith
"	Madeline Edna Paine,	Amasa A. and Augusta E.,	Josselyn
March	George Francis Burns,	William H. and Rose,	O'Rourke
"	Lois Chandler Peterson } Twins	Chester B. and	Soule
"	Lillian Collins Peterson }	Helen E.,	Ford
"	Lydia Harlow,	Albert H. and Jennie L.,	Chase
"	Benjamin Francis Homer,	Francis B. and Geneva M.,	Flanders
"	Fred Eugene Wingate,	Charles C. and Lillian,	

March	17	Mary Blanche Pierce,	Ellsworth L. and Mary,	Kirk
"	20	Ralph Josselyn,	Florus I. and Martha F.,	Foster
April	2	Donald Burton Poole,	Noah A. and Gracia W.,	Hayden
"	3	Armand King,	Adolph J. and Lena,	Bennett
"	4	Edward Francis Joubert,	Moses and Martha,	Detoaleter
"	8	Alice Mildred Estes,	William L. and Josie J.,	Keene
"	21	Adelaide Gertrude Buckley,	Michael J. and Annie F.,	Ardric
"	26	Martha Virginia Marrow,	William and Mary M.,	Custillou
"	28	Percy Everett Baines,	George R. and Mary E.,	Jacobs
"	30	Helen Mary Witherbee,	Fred S. and Bridget T.,	Feeney
May	1	Mildred Louise Johnson,	Carl J. and Jennie L.,	Barrett
"	3	Edgar Cameron Hewitt,	Edgar C. and Jennetta M.,	Cameron
"	5	Allston Brainard Gurney,	Allston D. and Fannie,	Packard
"	5	Frederick Leroy White,	Frederick P. and M. Emma,	Gardner
"	8	Margaret Frances Ellis,	William T. and Hattie M.,	Reed
"	12	Charles Eugene Winkley Jr.,	Charles E. and Helen E.,	Raymond
"	17	Ellen Richardson Reed,	William L. and Myra J.,	Griffin
"	19	Gertrude Almira Sears,	William and Grace A. C.,	Chapman
"	23	Stanley Klein,	James and Annie,	Blumberg
"	27	Francis Snow,	George A. and Maude F.	Litchfield
June	4	James Theodore Conlon,	James and Bridget T.,	Heenon
"	5	Grace Leach Beal,	Melbourne and Caroline O.,	Elford
"	11	Louisa Packard Freeman,	Robert A. and Maude E.,	Packard
"	12	Vera Sophronia Leavitt,	Arthur K. and Lenora,	Carroll
"	21	Catherine O'Hearn,	John and Alice,	Farrell
"	22	Mary Cecelie Lonergan,	Patrick J. and Delia T.,	Cullen
July	3	Amado Angelo Giberti,	Angelo and Foteotista,	Alberghini

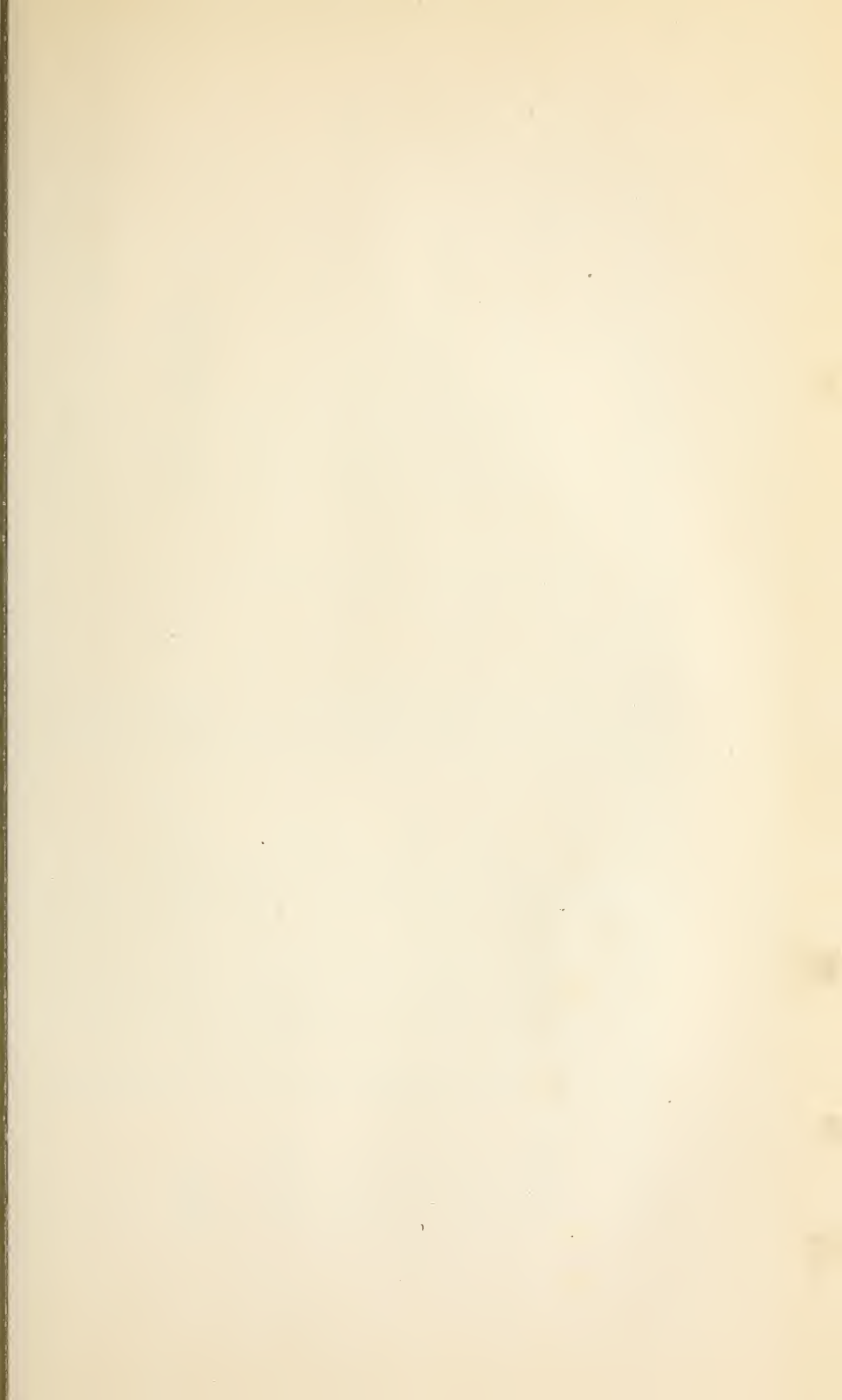
BIRTHS—(CONTINUED.)

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
July 4	John Edward Cormiae,	Charles A. and Jennie,	Arsneau
" 8	John Francis Sheehan,	John J. and Nellie L.,	Conroy
" 13	Frank Cushman Littlefield,	Ira S. and Eliza A.,	Harding
" 14	John Leo Nash,	Jeremiah and Helen,	Mullen
" 15	Forest Weston Nutter,	Ezra S. and Nina E.,	Bradford
" 18	Harry Carleton Gifford, Jr.,	Harry C. and Florence N.,	Cudham
" 18	Helen Campbell,	William and Grace E.,	Faehney
" 19	Herbert Lyman Cushman,	Clarence L. and Lizzie,	Wade
" 19	Mary Helen Murphy,	Walter and Mary,	Lewis
" 21	Mary Gertrude Croke,	Charles W. and Florence E.,	Crabb
" 23	Evan Chatlin Walton,	Harvey A. and T. Isabella,	Bricknell
" 26	Clarice Raymond Bell,	George and Mary E.,	Rolt
" 26	Stanley Augustine Keene,	Thomas B. and Nettie L.	Corlea
" 30	Mary Whalen,	Thomas and Mary K.,	Farrell
" 31	Annie Irving Marrow,	Thomas and Ann I.,	Custillon
August 1	Margurite English,	David F. and Mary E.,	Daly
" 5	Charles William Hedderic	William and Elizabeth,	Shouler
" 9	Francis O'Connell	Simon F. and Lucy,	Noggler
" 11	Maxwell Lane Pratt,	Ernest R. and Maud L.,	Lane
" 11	George Eldon Torrey,	Orrin P. and Carrie L.,	Deane
" 13	Dorothy Tuttle Cobb,	Winfield S. and Etta E.,	Tuttle
" 20	Edwin Hatch Waterman,	Cary C. and Eva M.,	Hatch

August	20	Elizabeth Cohen,	Harry A. and Delia L.,	Jones
"	26	Frances Murphy,	Edward T. and Margaret E.,	Carney
September	2	Charles Erstmine Strother,	Charles P. and Alice A.	Jordan
"	11	Alfred Thomas Brennan,	William J. and Elizabeth H.,	Sweeney
"	25	Theodore Bailey,	Ephraim and Mary M.,	Lewis
"	27	Elizabeth Amelia Packard,	Waldo F. and Beatrice,	Fraser
October	6	Mabel Josephine Wheland,	Gerald J. and Katherine,	Concannon
"	8	Ernest Oliver Fortier,	Napoleon and Exzilda,	Langvin
"	13	Alexander Delbert Smith,	Ivory L. and Florence E.,	Cameron
"	18	Ellena May Corliss,	Hiram and Margaret V.,	Reardon
"	24	Russell Standish Keene,	George F. and Cora E.	Cushing
"	24	Johanna Whalen,	John and Ellen,	Whalen
"	27	Mary Blackburn Eamon	William and Dorothy,	Walsh
"	30	Elwyn Lawrence Cox,	Francis and Nellie F.,	Tillson
November	10	Mabelle Frances Dofen,	George W. and Nellie G.	Morse
"	14	Archie Winfield Cousins,	Leslie C. and Carrie B.	Cousins
"	16	Thomas Henry Mellor,	Charles E. and Emma,	Goddard
"	17	Doris Mildred Fullerton,	Willard E. and Alice L.	Washburne
"	17	Carleton Stanley Josselyn,	Walter C. and Amy M.,	Winnett
"	18	Robert Henry Manderville,	Telesthorpe E. and Mary E.	McCarthy
"	18	Malcom Gordon Pratt,	David B. and Eliza A.,	Sharp
"	19	Gertrude Louise Briggs,	Lucius M. and Mabel E.,	Moore
"	22	Warren Orcutt Raymond,	Eugene W. and Susie E.,	Warren
"	24	George Alexander Porter,	George H. and Annie,	Smith
"	27	Leo Wolforth Wilmot,	Theodore and Ida L.	Boden
December	8	Beatrice Abbie Low,	Leslie T. and Eldora,	Hanscom
"	16	Leslie,	Philip P. and Isabel C.,	Dagon
"	22	Alfred Encleus Gingrass,	Eugene F. and Lucy E.,	Litchfield

BIRTHS—(CONTINUED.)

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
December 22	Emma Frances Churchill,	Edgar F. and Emily F.,	Bates
" 23	Gertrude Elizabeth McMorrow,	John P. and Nellie T.,	McNamara
" 25	John Milton Leach,	Charles A. and Marjorie H.	Forsythe
" 31	Charles Albert Kerr,	John H. and Agnes E.,	Saul



DEATHS REGISTERED IN WHITMAN IN 1905.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years	Mos.	Days.	
January	John Q. Bailey,	76	4	17	Pneumonia
"	Ada E. Gillespie,	53	6	26	Carcinoma of Mouth
"	Mary D. Wilmot,	28		17	Nephritis
"	Emma K. Fairbanks,	62	5	13	Mitral Stenosis
"	Mary E. Keefe,	34	5		Valvular Disease of Heart
"	Wesley Earle Bracket,	1			Lobar Pneumonia
"	Charles F. Drake,	68		23	Organic Heart Disease
"	William F. Mason,	61			Impacted Femur
"	Margaret Keefe,	51			Acute Nephritis
"	Cynthia A. Gilman,	83		12	Old Age
"	Clarissa H. Luzarder,	76	2	20	Organic Heart Disease
February	George Lawson, Jr.,			25	Croup
"	Ethel L. Belcher,		6	23	Marasmus
"	Louis T. Wilmott,			41	Pneumonia
"	Elizabeth Orcutt,	69			General Septicemia
March	Charles A. Saunders,	32	6	8	Phthisis Pulmonale
"	William E. Richardson,	46	5		Phthisis Pulmonale
"	Sanford K. Knox.	66	6	7	Ulcer of the Stomach
"	Sarah W. Reed,	82			Septic Phlebitis
"	Ann McGrath,	80			Acute Lobar Pneumonia
"	George W. Sturtevant,	32	5	11	Pneumonia
"	John O'Connell,	34			Railroad Accident

"	25	L. Nellie Bacon,	40	5	12	Phthisis
"	26	Elizabeth Sullivan,	33	2		Heart Disease
"	26	Joshua F. Churchill,	68	5	8	Nephritis
"	27	Luther L. Poole,	78	5		Gastro Enteritis
"	30	Catherine McGonigle,	50	6	27	Cancer
"	30	Herbert W. Lovell,	57	6		Bronchitis
April	2	Michael Behan,	67	8		Valvular Disease of Heart
"	6	Mary E. Fairbanks,	54	9	8	Organic Heart Disease
"	7	Henry M. Reed,	38	6	4	Tuberculosis
"	14	Hattie M. Packard,	53	6	10	Cancer of Uterus
"	15	Thomas H. Shea,	18	6	21	Acute Phthisis
"	19	Linus E. Caswell,	62	4		Cancer of Face
"	29	Ellen Devine,	51	2	13	Natural Causes
May	1	Henrietta M. Bouney,	75	7		Accidental Fall
"	12	Joseph B. Behan,	21		3	Hemorrhage
"	14	Mary S. Ingram,	87			Internal Tumor
"	15	Esther G. Murphy,	26			Lobar Pneumonia
"	16	John Tuttle,	77	1	13	Heart Disease
"	26	Ellen L. Crocker,	37	6	21	Pneumonitis
June	4	Marcus S. Reed,	81	6	1	Tuberculosis
"	5	Hiran W. Lacey,	72	2	9	Apoplexy
"	7	Mary Y. Lee,	70	8	19	Apoplexy
"	8	Azor H. Sampson,	72		29	Nephritis
"	9	Donald B. Poole,		2	7	Pneumonia
"	12	Alfred E. Stebbens,	28	11	4	Phthisis
"	20	Eliza Matthews,	49			Pernicious Anemia
"	29	Amelia A. Millett,	65	6		Cancer of Bowels

DEATHS—(CONTINUED.)

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years.	Mos.	Days.	
"	Henry B. Bonney,	76	11	11	Paralysis
July	Mildred M. Hildreth,	3	5	13	Meningitis
"	Mary Hayes,	85			Fracture of Hip
"	Mary E. Standish,	26	8	6	Phthisis
"	Cora N. Eaton,	37	1	3	Cancer of Breast
"	Jane P. Humphrey,	88	3	24	Organic Heart Disease
"	William D. Livingston,	64	11		Heart Disease
"	A. Maud Murphy,	20	3	4	Abdominal Abscess
"	Mary A. Sullivan,	71			Heart Disease
"	Charles P. Campbell,	65	9	10	Apoplexy
August	Ernest Amero,	4	2	17	Cholera Infantum
"	Ira W. Wales,	74	5	10	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	Bridget Neal,	71			Merasmus
"	Alexander T. Gray,	65			Uremia
"	Elizabeth Harris,	71			Heart Failure
"	Mabel Keene,	33			Peritonitis
September	Margaret Fennell,	3	3	11	Meningitis
"	Edgar A. Gardner,	36	10	13	Alcohol Poisoning
"	Marcia J. Leavitt	63	10	16	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	Asa W. Bates,	71	9	17	Organic Disease of Heart, and Gangrene
"	Austin G. West,	1	7	3	Meningitis

September	19	Clarence L. Bourne,	38	1	21	Railroad Accident
"	19	Mary B. Kilgrew,	30	1	3	Tuberculosis
October	3	George E. Torrey,		5	6	Marasmus
"	8	Clarence F. Leblanc,	1	1	4	Meningitis
"	9	William S. Faunce,	82	7		Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	10	Mary L. Hogan,	5	3	21	Tuberculosis
"	15	Mahala Latham,	98			Marasmus
"	18	Albert S. Wood,	58			Heart Disease
"	23	Walter Southworth,	66			Chronic Diarrhoea
November	5	David B. Howe,	82	9	16	Paralysis
"	28	Franklin P. Harlow,	77	11	20	Disease of Gland
December	5	William H. Earle,	53	7	28	Epileptic Convulsions
"	15	Louis N. Fortier,	14	1	20	Accidental Drowning
"	24	Margaret O'Brien,	67			Exhaustion of Confusional Insanity
"	25	Dennis Crowley,	66			Apoplexy
"	28	Martha R. Wilbur,	69			Exhaustive Diarrhoea
"	30	Samuel W. Selfredge,	47			Lobar Pneumonia
"	31	Maria J. Hayden,	44	3	9	Acute Meningitis

RECAPITULATION.

Number of births registered.....	104
Males	59
Females	45
Stillborn.....	1
Illegitimate	1
Number of deaths recorded.....	89
Under 10 years	2
Between 10 and 20.....	2
Between 20 and 30.....	6
Between 30 and 40.....	12
Between 40 and 50.....	6
Between 50 and 60.....	8
Between 60 and 70.....	17
Between 70 and 80.....	15
Between 80 and 90.....	9
Between 90 and 100.....	1
Number of marriages registered.....	85

DOG LICENSES.

Paid County Treasurer.....	\$991 40
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TOWN MEETINGS.

MEETING CALLED FOR FEBRUARY 1, 1905.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to extend the water system from the corner of South and Perry avenues, through South avenue and Plymouth street to the residence of Eddy Carleton, on said Plymouth street and make an appropriation therefor. (On petition.)

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the Superior Court to appoint special commissioners to investigate and determine as to the necessity of abolishing the grade crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Essex street and South avenue, in the town of Whitman, and to take such other action in the premises as the exigency of the case may require. (On petition.)

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to elect five Selectmen and five Overseers of the Poor at the next annual town meeting. (On petition.)

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to pay the chairman of the Board of Selectmen \$500 per year. The clerk of the Board \$400 per year; three members of the Board \$300 each per year, and make an appropriation for same. (On petition.)

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to elect at the annual meeting, one Selectman and one Overseer of the Poor for one year; one for two years; and one for three years; and thereafter elect annually one Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years. (On petition.)

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was elected as moderator of this meeting. Check list being used.

Article 2. Moved that the water system be extended from the corner of South and Perry avenues and Plymouth street, to the residence of Eddy Carleton on Plymouth street, and make an appropriation therefor. Vote taken by hand vote. Affirmative 15; negative 41.

Article 3. Moved that the town instruct the Selectmen to petition the Superior Court to appoint special commissioners to investigate and determine the necessity of abolishing the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Essex street and South avenue, in the town of Whitman, and to take such other action in the premises as the exigency of the case may require. Vote taken by hand vote. Affirmative, 23; negative, 45.

Article 4. Voted to pass over.

Article 5. Voted to pass over.

Article 6. Voted to pass over.

MARCH 6, 1905.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 4. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of

money not exceeding \$70,000, in anticipation of taxes the present year, and payable therefrom.

Article 7. To act on a list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the Public Library.

Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of Whitman Park.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for sidewalks.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets.

Article 13. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the current expenses of the fire department, and compensate the members of said department.

Article 14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the water sinking fund.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$2,000, to pay one town note due the current year.

Article 16. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the by-laws of the town and act on the proposed amendments thereof.

Article 17. To see if the town will appropriate a sum not exceeding \$1,000, for the care and improvement of Whitman Park.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase the storage battery in use at the present time at central five station, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 19. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$100 to shingle and repair the tool house of the road department.

Article 20. To see what disposition the town will make of the machinery and building at the pumping station.

Article 21. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for building concrete sidewalks. (On petition.)

Article 22. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the drainage of Charles street from Whitman avenue to Park avenue. (On petition.)

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen and relocate South Avenue in accordance with a plan made by C. W. Howland in December, 1904, and now on file at the town office. (On petition.)

Article 24. To see if the town will instruct the water commissioners to extend the water pipes on Beulah street to junction of Beulah and Washington streets. (On petition.)

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners to connect the dead ends on Stetson and Linden streets, and Dyer avenue, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 26. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed January 29, 1902, whereby it was voted to instruct the selectmen when issuing the warrant for the next annual meeting to assign the election of town officers to some date subsequent to that provided for hearing the reports of town officers and committees, and act thereon. (On petition.)

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to hold the annual town meeting on the first Monday in March, for election of town officers, and the transaction of such other business as may be specified in the warrant. (On petition.)

Article 28. To see if the town will instruct the street lighting committee to place a light near the residence No. 272 Franklin street, and make an appropriation therefor. (On petition.)

Article 29. To see if the town will instruct the street lighting committee to place a light at the corner of Alden street and Lakeview avenue, and make an appropriation for the same. (On petition.)

Article 30. To see if the town will instruct the street lighting Committee to establish a light on Washington street at the head of Chestnut street, and make an appropriation therefor. On petition.

Article 31. To see if the town will purchase a site for a town farm, and make an appropriation for the same, and choose a Committee to purchase the farm.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to establish an Almshouse, and make an appropriation, payable by town notes for the erection and equipment of the same, and choose a building Committee.

Article 33. To see if the town will authorize and instruct its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, a sum not exceeding \$9,000, for the purpose stated in article 32, the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid in 1906, and \$1,000 each year thereafter until paid.

Article 34. To hear the report of Committee on fire station at East Whitman and act thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$7,200 to purchase a lot of land and build a fire station on Pleasant street. \$1,200 to be assessed in 1905, and the remainder to be paid by six town notes of \$1,000 each, payable one each year thereafter until paid, and choose a building Committee.

Article 36. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, the sum of six thousand dollars, the said loan to be paid in annual installments of \$1000 each, for the purpose of purchasing a lot of land and building a fire station on Pleasant street, the first note payable in 1906, and one note each year thereafter until paid.

Article 37. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$4000 to build a two room addition to the Reed school.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to build an

eight room school building, in accordance with the plans of Park and Kendall, in the rear of the present high school building. Make an appropriation of \$28,000 for building the same and choose a building committee. (On petition.)

Article 39. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, upon the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, the sum of \$28,000, for the purpose stated in article 38. This loan to be paid \$2,000, in 1906, and \$2,000, each succeeding year for 13 years. (On petition.)

Article 40. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars to purchase land on the westerly side of the High school lot. Move the present building to the rear of the lot and remodel it for the lower grades, and build a new High School building on the old and acquired lot.

Article 41. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer upon the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, the sum of Fifty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose stated in Article 40. This loan to be paid \$2,000 in the year 1906, \$2,000 in the year 1907, and \$3,000 each succeeding year for seventeen years.

Article 42. To see what action the town will take to provide more school accomodations, by purchasing a lot of land if need be for the same, and by building additional rooms.

Article 43. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer upon the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town, a sum of money to carry out the action of the town in the foregoing article, and to issue for the same town notes covering a period not exceeding twenty years.

Article 44. To see if the town will appoint a Committee to purchase land or build buildings and otherwise carry out the vote of the town under the foregoing article for school accomodations.

Article 45. To bring in votes for the following town

officers: A town clerk for one year, a town treasurer for one year, three selectmen and overseers of the poor for one year, three assessors for one year, one school committee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, one highway surveyor for one year, one member of the board of health for three years, two trustees of the public library for three years, three park commissioners for one year, fire constables for one year, two auditors for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, one tree warden for one year; also to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following question: Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? To choose all other necessary town officers. The polls for the election of officers and the vote on the license question will be opened in said Village hall at six o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, the eleventh day of March, 1905, and kept open until three o'clock in the afternoon, both of said days will constitute the Annual meeting, and this call is issued in accordance with the vote of the town passed January 29, 1902.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was unanimously elected Moderator, check list being used.

Article 2. The report of the several boards of officers, and report of Poor House Committee were all taken up separately.

Voted to take up Article 31.

Article 31. Moved that the town purchase the Locke and Beals farms on High street, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100, and choose a Committee to purchase the same. It was a unanimous vote.

Ballot taken by "Yes" and "No" and was as follows; Yes 143, No 108, declared not a vote, it not receiving a two-thirds vote.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the following amounts of money to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Schooling Proper.....	\$21,000 00
School incidentals.....	1,500 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	2,000 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00
Repair of Highways, Bridges and Drains, and the excise tax.....	5,000 00
Removing Snow.....	1,200 00
Highway Incidentals.....	500 00
Support of the Poor.....	6,500 00
Town Officers and Committees.....	2,500 00
Town Incidentals.....	2,000 00
Police Service.....	2,300 00
Abatement of Taxes and Collectors fees.....	1,200 00
Water for 144 Hydrants.....	2,880 00
Tree Warden.....	250 00
Military Aid, Chapter 318, Acts of 1904.....	300 00
Soldiers Relief, Chapter 447, Acts of 1890....	1,800 00
Voted to appropriate from funds in the hands of the Town Treasurer the sum of	2,000 00
to pay interest on Temporary loan, Voted to appropriate the sum of.....	210 00
from interest received from taxes.	

Article 4. Voted to adopt the same as last year. That all taxes uncollected December 1, 1905, interest be added at the rate of five per cent. until paid, and all taxes not paid January 1, 1906, be collected according to law. That the collector receive 85 cents per \$100.

Article 5. Voted that the collector use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 6. Voted that the treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow, with the approval of the selectmen, the sum of seventy thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes the present year, and payable therefrom.

Article 7. Voted to excuse from the jurors list: William

F. Alden, Elisha B. Atwood, Nathan C. Bosworth, John W. Bowker, Herbert C. Cleveland, Albert A. Miles, Joseph L. Snow, Joseph E. Whidden. Voted to add to the list: Roland W. Chase, J. Frank Hammond, George E. Leavitt, Henry F. Prentiss, Charles R. Lambert, Everett E. Robbins. Voted to accept the list as amended.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate for decoration of soldiers' graves..... 150 00

Article 9. Voted to appropriate for public library..... 1,800 00

Article 10. Voted to appropriate for care of and improvement of Whitman Park..... 1,000 00

Article 11. Voted to appropriate for sidewalks 1,000 00

Article 12. Voted to appropriate for lighting the streets..... 4,110 00

Article 13. Voted to appropriate for running expenses of the fire department..... 900 00

Compensation of members of fire department..... 1,170 60

Article 14. Voted to appropriate for water sinking fund..... 2,500 00

Article 15. Voted to appropriate from funds in the hand of the Treasurer, the sum of.. 2,000 00 to pay one town note during current year.

Article 16. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted as per by-laws printed. Voted that the action on the by-laws be laid over until the next town meeting is called.

Article 18. Voted to appropriate the sum of 500 00 to purchase the storage battery in use at the central fire station.

Article 19. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100 00 to shingle and repair the tool house.

Article 20. Voted that the Water Commissioners be

authorized to dispose of the machinery and building at the pumping station.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to build concrete sidewalks.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$800 to drain Charles street from Whitman avenue to Park street.

Article 23. Voted not to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen and relocate South avenue in accordance with a plan made by C. W. Howland.

Article 24. Voted that the Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water pipes on Beulah street to the junction of Washington street.

Article 25. Voted that the whole matter of connecting the dead ends on Stetson and Linden streets and Dyer avenue, be left with the Water Commissioners.

Article 26. Voted not to recind the vote passed July 29, 1902. Affirmative, 31 ; negative 149.

Article 27. Voted to pass over.

Article 28. Voted that the street lighting committee place a light near the residence of No. 272 Franklin street. Voted to appropriate \$12.50.

Article 29. Voted that the street lighting committee place a light at the corner of Alden street and Lakeview avenue. Voted to appropriate \$12.50.

Article 30. Voted that the street lighting committee place a light on Washington street at the head of Chestnut street. Voted to appropriate \$12.50.

Article 32. Voted to pass over.

Article 33. Voted to pass over.

Article 34. Voted to accept the report of the committee under this article.

Article 35. Voted not to appropriate the sum of \$7,200 to purchase a lot of land and build a fire station on Pleasant street. Yes, 92 ; no, 105.

Article 36. Voted to pass over.

Article 37. Voted not to appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to build a two-room addition to the Reed school. Not a two-thirds vote received, declared not a vote. Yes, 110; No, 56.

Article 38. Voted to pass over.

Article 39. Voted to pass over.

Article 40. Voted to pass over.

Article 41. Voted to pass over.

Article 42. Voted not to purchase the Miller Cook lot on South avenue for the purpose of erecting a High school building. Yes, 73; no, 149.

Article 43. Voted to pass over.

Article 44. Voted to pass over.

MARCH 11, 1905.

The polls were opened at 6 o'clock.

The Moderator appointed as ballot clerk, E. M. Curtis; tellers, Fred E. Sharp, Frank D. Stetson, William W. Livingston, J. L. Bemis, J. J. Crowley, E. J. McNamara, Arthur Meserve, E. Warren Clift, Henry Conroy.

Total votes cast, 1,555. Men, 1,106; women, 449.

TOWN CLERK (for one year.)

George H. Pearson.....	891
Blanks	213
Scattering	2

TOWN TREASURER (for one year.)

Benjamin C. Reed.....	853
Blanks	251
Scattering.....	2

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

(for one year.)

Andrew C. Brigham	613
Edward L. Morrill.....	172
Benjamin C. Reed.....	702

George D. Soule.....	697
Joseph R. Smith.....	159
Lewis F. Trow.....	382
Elmer W. Wright.....	145
Blanks.....	448

ASSESSORS (for one year.)

Arthur D. B. Butler.....	803
Isaiah T. Churchill.....	797
George D. Soule.....	838
Scattering	1
Blanks	879

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years.)

Edward J. Gaffney.....	652
Mrs. Eugenia F. Lovell.....	869
Scattering.....	2
Blanks.....	32

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (for one year.)

John E. Andrews.....	263
James T. Condon.....	168
Charles D. Dyer.....	137
Aaron A. Healy.....	398
Ezra S. Nutter.....	67
Blanks.....	71
Scattering.....	2

WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years.)

Andrew R. McCallum.....	878
Blanks.....	226
Scattering.....	2

BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years.)

Oscar A. Bemis.....	510
Alfred A. MacKeen.....	437
Blanks	156
Scattering.....	2

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(for three years.)

Edward J. Gaffney.....	724
Francis J. Hanley.....	730
Scattering.....	9
Blanks.....	749

PARK COMMISSIONERS (for one year.)

Albert H. Brigham.....	726
Charles D. Dyer.....	646
Alfred A. MacKeen.....	518
Walter E. Trufant.....	541
Scattering.....	5
Blanks.....	882

CONSTABLES (for one year.)

Frank Erskine.....	813
Thomas F. Kane.....	856
Andrew R. McCallum.....	849
Foster J. Rand.....	795
Patrick H. Smith.....	804
Scattering.....	6
Blanks.....	407

TREE WARDEN (for one year.)

Clarence D. Randall.....	828
Scattering.....	228

COLLECTOR OF TAXES (for one year.)

Benjamin C. Reed.....	855
Scattering.....	6
Blanks.....	245

AUDITORS (for one year.)

Bela Alden.....	813
G. Howard Soule.....	800
Scattering.....	3
Blanks.....	596

LICENSE QUESTION.

Yes	374
No.....	648
Blanks.....	134

FIELD DRIVERS.

Charles E. Lowell, Jeremiah Griffin.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

Charles A. Larry, Albert Faunce.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

Charles A. Larry, Everett E. Robbins.

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

Lawrence Maloney, John J. Cody, Bradford S. Littlefield.

FENCE VIEWERS.

George A. Dorr, William C. Gurney.

Voted to pay the Moderator.....\$35 00

TOWN MEETING, MAY 15, 1905.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the report of the committee chosen at the last annual meeting, on increased school accommodations, and act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the present High school building and an addition to the Gurney school building, in accordance with the report of the committee on increased school accommodations, make an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars for building the same, and choose a building committee.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the said loan to be paid in annual installments of \$2000 each, for the purpose of building an addition to the present High

school building, and an addition to the Gurney school building, the first note payable in 1906, and one note each year thereafter until paid.

Article 5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$100 for the celebration of old home week in connection with the towns of Rockland and Abington the current year.

MAY 15, 1905.

The meeting was called to order by the town clerk at 7.30 P. M.

Article 1. Benjamin F. Peterson was elected moderator.

Article 2. Committee, or a part, reported verbally. Committee reporting were E. A. Dyer, Maurice Kane, O. H. Ellis, A. D. B. Butler, and Wm. F. Coughlin. Voted to accept the committee's report.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to make additions to the High school building, also to the Gurney school building, as per the warrant, check list being used. Total vote 98. Yes, 62; No, 36. It not being a two-thirds vote, declared not a vote.

Article 4. Passed over.

Article 5. Voted not to appropriate \$100 for old home week. Affirmative, 15; negative, 25.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

TOWN MEETING, JULY 19, 1905.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to build a four-room addition to the Dyer school building and make an appropriation of \$13,000 for building and furnishing the same, and installing heating, ventilating, and sanitary system in the addition to and old part of said building, and choose a building committee.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of \$13,000 to carry out the pro-

visions of the preceding article, said loan to be paid as follows: \$3,000 in the year 1906, and \$2,000 each year thereafter until paid.

JULY 19, 1905.

The meeting was called to order by the town clerk at 7.30 P. M.

Article 1. Isaiah T. Churchill was elected as moderator, check list being used.

Article 2. Voted to build a four-room addition to the Dyer school building and make an appropriation of \$13,000 for building and furnishing the same, and installing heating, ventilation, and sanitary system in the addition and old part of said building, and choose a building committee. Check list was used. Whole number of ballots cast was

78. "Yes," 65; "No," 15. Moved that the following building committee be chosen: Walter E. Trufant, E. A. Dyer, John F. Geogan, Andrew R. McCallum, Clarence A. Randali. Voted that the above named be accepted.

Article 3. Moved that the town authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow on the credit of the town the sum of \$13,000, for the purpose of building a four-room addition to the Dyer school building, and furnishing the same, and installing heating, ventilating, and sanitary systems in the addition to and old part of said Dyer school building, said loan to be paid as follows: \$3,000 in the year 1906, and \$2,000 each year thereafter until paid. Check list was used. Whole number of ballots cast, 57. "Yes," 55; "No," 2.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

STATE ELECTION CALLED NOVEMBER 7, 1905.

The meeting was called to order at fifteen minutes before 6 o'clock a. m., by the Chairman of the Selectmen, George D. Soule. The vote was as follows:

GOVERNOR.

Charles W. Bartlett, d..... 373

James T. Carey, s.	173
William H. Carroll, s. l.	7
Curtis Guild, Jr., r.	547
Willard O. Wylie, p.	23
Blanks.	12

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Thomas F. Brennen, s. l.	14
Eben S. Draper, r.	516
Patrick Mahoney, s.	172
John H. Smith, p.	17
Henry M. Whitney, d.	379
Blanks	37

SECRETARY.

Charles C. Hitchcock, s.	189
Jonathan S. Lewis, p.	12
Henry B. Little, d.	250
William M. Olin, r.	598
Moritz E. Ruther, s. l.	12
Scattering.	1
Blanks.	73

TREASURER.

Christopher D. Albro, p.	14
David S. Bordeur, s.	196
Arthur B. Chapen, r.	603
Joal Claudine, s. l.	6
Daniel F. Doherty, d.	252
Scattering.	1
Blanks.	63

AUDITOR.

Patrick J. Ashe, d.	242
Herbert B. Griffin, p.	17
E. O. Frederick Hanson, s. l.	15
Ambrose Miles, s.	183
Henry E. Turner, r.	586

Scattering.....	1
Blanks.....	91

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Allen Coffin, p.....	24
Henry C. Hess, s. l.....	10
John P. Leahy, d.....	268
Dana Malone, r.....	556
John Weaver Sherman, s.....	188
Blanks.....	89

COUNCILLOR (First District.)

David G. Pratt, r.....	609
Joseph R. Smith, s.....	377
Scattering.....	2
Blanks.....	147

SENATOR (First Plymouth District.)

William Seward Kyle, r.....	558
Henry N. Magoun, d.....	235
George W. Severance, p.....	24
Flavel S. Thomas, s.....	246
Scattering.....	1
Blanks.....	71

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

(First Plymouth District.)

Oscar A. Bemis, d.....	217
E. Alden Dyer, r.....	558
Norman D. Gillespie, s.....	322
Albert A. Haskell, p.....	14
Scattering.....	4
Blanks.....	20

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Plymouth.)

Jere B. Howard, r.....	574
John Mann, s.....	236
Nathaniel Morton, d.....	257
Scattering.....	1
Blanks.....	67

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Whitman, Mass., January 1, 1906.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF
WHITMAN :

GENTLEMEN :—In behalf of the Board of Fire Engineers I hereby submit this, our annual report of the condition and operation of the department during the year ending December 31, 1905.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, except the hook and ladder truck, which ought to be touched up and revarnished. We recommend the town to purchase a chemical fire engine the coming year.

HOSE AND HOUSES.

We have about three thousand feet of woven cotton hose, rubber lined, in good condition. We will have to purchase about seventeen hundred and fifty feet of hose the coming year. The houses are in good condition, with the exception of the house at East Whitman, which must be replaced by a new one the coming year, for the benefit of the department. We recommend a committee to investigate this matter at once.

DEPARTMENT.

There are in this department sixty-six men who responded to double the number of alarms this year to that of any previous year.

FIRE AND INSURANCE.

We have had thirty bell and ten still alarms in the past year. We have used twelve thousand feet of hose, fifty-nine gallons of chemicals, one thousand and seventy feet of ladders at the same. A complete and accurate statement of losses by fire and amount of insurance, also date, location and origin of the same, can be found in a tabular statement accompanying this report.

HYDRANTS.

The hydrants are in good condition. There are one hundred and fifty-eight hydrants, twelve of which are private. There have been two hydrants set the past year.

FIRE ALARM.

We have completed a new system which puts the line in four loops. The system consists of one storage battery plant which has been purchased the past year. It also consists of sixteen miles of wire, one whistle machine, two bell machines, twenty-five street boxes, and tappers in the engineers' and drivers' houses. In the coming year we have got to make some arrangement for a fire alarm signal at East Whitman on account of the closing of the electric light station.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. DAVIS,

Chief of Whitman Fire Department.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS, WHITMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen..... \$6130 18

Cash paid—

Water Commissioners for use of hydrants at \$20 each, from Jan. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906...	2880 00
Water Commissioners for use of water in hose houses 2 and 3, from July 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1906, at \$9.....	18 00
Water Commissioners for use of water in Central Fire Station.....	8 48
Members of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1906.....	186 66
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1906.....	290 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1906.....	190 01
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, one year's service to Jan. 1, 1906.....	193 33
Members of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, actual duty.....	445 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, actual duty.....	475 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, actual duty.....	173 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, actual duty.....	261 00
F. M. Davis, actual duty.....	30 50
Charles Conant, actual duty.....	37 00
E. S. Nutter, actual duty.....	35 00
A. F. Luzarder, supplies for Hose No. 2.....	5 05
Whitman Carriage Co., repairing hook and handle	25

A. D. Wheeler, six months' rental of storage battery plant to Dec. 1, 1904.....	\$50 00
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal for Central Fire Station.....	30 00
N. F. Hall, paint, setting glass, labor and putty	1 78
H. C. Cleveland, sulphuric acid.....	10
Washburn & Davie, 6 1-2 pounds of rope.....	1 17
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 1905.....	10 42
James H. Kenney, lunch and coffee served at Jenkins' block fire.....	7 72
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Feb. 1, to Mar. 1, 1905.....	10 42
W. W. Josselyn, 1-2 cord pine wood sawed....	2 75
L. W. Benson, sandwiches and coffee served at Jenkins' block fire.....	10 00
A. D. Wheeler, storage battery plant.....	500 00
A. D. Wheeler, rental storage battery from Dec. 1, 1904, to Mar. 1, 1905.....	24 00
E. S. Nutter, wood.....	1 00
Charles Conant, four hours' time investigating Jenkins' block fire.....	1 20
T. F. Lynch, 1 cord of maple and pine wood sawed for Hose 3.....	6 25
J. M. Penniman, express charges.....	2 16
J. E. Post, floor brush for Central Station.....	2 50
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., 1 fire axe, 1 doz. smoke protectors.....	20 25
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Mar. 1 to Apr. 1, 1905.....	10 42
F. M. Davis, 5 hours' investigating fire at Fitzgibbons' factory.....	1 50
Pettengill-Andrews Co., 321 pounds No. 9, extra B. B. galv. iron wire at 4 3-4 cts. per lb	15 25
C. L. Redding, labor on fire alarm with help...	25 25

Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co., repacking nozzle and rubber washers.....	\$2 05
Whitman Moulding Co., stock and labor	50
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Apr. 1 to May 1, 1905, extra labor on line with help and team.....	21 12
J. M. Penniman, express charges.....	25
Fairbanks Brothers, stove pipe, elbows, damper, etc., for Hose 2.....	5 40
Packard Brothers, 2 hose coupling washers.....	50
C. L. Redding, labor on fire alarm.....	24 00
J. M. Penniman, express charges.....	1 60
A. Thompson, 2 steel horse collars for Hose 2..	24 00
C. B. Peterson, labor on fire alarm.....	12 50
H. B. Harding, printing pay-rolls and letter heads	6 25
Pettengill-Andrews Co., cross-arms, oak pins, lag screws and washers, 324 lbs. of No. 9, extra B. B. galv. iron wire.....	27 20
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from May 1 to June 1, 1905, extra labor on line with help and team.....	22 12
Abbott-Downing Co., 1 axle for Hose 1.....	8 00
J. C. Bryant, setting glass.....	1 20
A. C. Tucker, clock oil.....	50
F. H. Gurney, oil cloth and enamel cloth.....	1 69
Fairbanks Brothers, duster brush and rope....	2 58
John Robbins Mfg Co., 3 gilt badges.....	6 03
F. M. Davis, general care fire alarm from June 1 to July 1, 1905, extra labor on line with help and team	14 17
F. M. Davis, postage and telephone	1 70
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., repacking nozzle, 1 blue and white, 1 green and white lantern globe, 1 star globe lantern	7 75

Standard Extinguisher Co., 1 doz. charges for chemicals	\$2 50
E. C. Howard, staple, bit, lag screws, washers, etc.	1 80
H. S. West, whip.....	1 00
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from July 1 to Aug. 1, 1905	10 42
J. M. Penniman, express charges	2 03
R. F. Allen, cable, lamps, repairing siamese, labor, etc	16 99
Packard Brothers, repairing siamese.....	1 00
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1, 1905, extra labor on line with help and team	11 92
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal for Central Station.....	92 92
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 1905.....	10 42
Whitman Carriage Co., repairing axe handle and hook on ladder, etc.....	1 35
H. S. West, repairing blankets, oil, two sets of bits, 4 halters, snaps, etc.....	13 25
W. W. Josselyn, 1-2 cord of oak and pine wood sawed for Hose 2.....	3 15
Pettengill-Andrews Co., 250 ft. of twisted wire	5 50
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 1905, extra labor on line with help and team.....	18 92
B. W. Atwood, repairing halters, trace chains, whiffle tree.....	2 70
Goodwin & Co., covering boiler and pipes.....	25 00
G. A. Clift, supplies for Central Station.....	7 30
E. C. Howard, window brush and pole.....	65
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 1905.....	10 42

H. H. Hovey, acid and distilled water.....	\$ 75
E. C. Howard, lag screws, etc.....	21
J. M. Penniman, express charges.....	15
H. B. Harding, certificates, envelopes and letter heads.....	7 60
C. P. Slack, 1-2 cord of pine wood sawed for Central Station.....	2 75
F. M. Davis, general care of fire alarm from Dec. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906.....	10 42
J. W. Ford, team and horse keeping.....	2 50
L. W. Benson, meals served to out of town firemen.....	15 00
C. Conant, shoeing horse, coal for engine.....	3 00
A. F. Dyer, cigars and food for firemen.....	3 15
C. B. Perry, horse keeping.....	6 50
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric lights in Central Fire Station from Dec. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1906.....	156 64
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., electric lights in Hose House No. 3 from Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 1, 1905	25 64
Edison Electric Illuminating Co., one pole and labor setting the same	3 00
Total amount of cash paid.....	<u>6130 18</u>
Appropriations for 1905.....	<u>5450 00</u>
Amount of orders drawn.....	<u>6130 18</u>
Excess	680 18

SUMMARY.

Appropriation for use of hydrants.....	\$2880 00
Paid for same.....	2880 00
Appropriation for firemen.....	\$870 00
Paid for same.....	860 00
Unexpended.....	\$10 00
Appropriation for actual duty.....	\$300 00
Paid for same.....	1456 50
Excess of appropriation.....	\$1156 50
Appropriation for incidentals.....	\$900 00
Paid for same.....	903 53
Excess of appropriation.....	\$3 53
Storage battery.....	\$500 00
Paid for same.....	500 00
Out of town aid.....	\$30 51
No appropriation.	
Appropriation for 1905.....	\$5450 00
Paid for same.....	6630 18
Excess of appropriation.....	\$1180 18

F. M. DAVIS,

Clerk of Whitman Fire Department.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
 BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Feb. 19, 1906.

VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY USED AND
IN CHARGE OF THE WHITMAN
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

House and lot, including furniture and equipments, on Temple street.....	\$16,000 00
House and lot, including furniture and equipments, on Auburn street.....	2844 00
House and lot, including furniture and equipments, on South avenue.....	2768 00
Engineers' Department.....	380 00
Total.....	<u>\$21,992 00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1906.

Estimated expense of the Whitman Fire Department for the year 1906 :

Use of 146 hydrants at \$20 each.....	\$2920 00
Pay of firemen—	
Sixty-six men at \$10 each.....	660 00
Four clerks at \$10 each.....	40 00
Two stewards at \$25 each.....	50 00
One steward at \$120.....	120 00
Actual duty at 50 cents per hour.....	800 00
Incidentals.....	1200 00
New hose.....	1000 00
Total.....	<u>\$6790 00</u>

ROLL OF THE WHITMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1905.

CHIEF ENGINEER,

F. M. Davis.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS,

Charles Conant,

E. S. Nutter.

CLERK,

F. M. Davis.

C. F. ALLEN HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

OFFICERS:

F. R. McCallum, Capt.

Fred Cushing, First Lieut. R. McCallum Second Lieut.

C. A. Brigham, Third Lieut. C. A. Brigham, Clerk.

L. Faunce, Treasurer.

Sixteen members and two horses.

D. B. GURNEY HOSE CO. NO. 1.

OFFICERS:

S. H. Staples, Capt.

W. H. Ladd, First Lieut. A. W. Lovell, Second Lieut.

F. N. Winslow, Clerk-Treas. C. W. West, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

AUBURNVILLE HOSE CO. NO. 2.

OFFICERS :

C. B. Peterson, Capt.

J. C. Bryant, First Lieut. E. R. Powers, Second Lieut

C. K. Mansfield, Clerk-Treas. E. R. Powers, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

EAST END HOSE CO. NO. 3.

OFFICERS :

E. C. Taft, Capt.

J. C. Elliott, First Lieut. S. B. Dyer, Second Lieut.

Charles Wyman, Clerk-Treas. F. Adams, Steward.

Fourteen members and two horses.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE YEAR 1905.

DATE.	TIME.	KIND OF BUILDING.	OWNER OR OCCUPANT.	ORIGIN OF FIRE.	LOSS ON BUILDING.	INSURANCE PAID.	LOSS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.	INSURANCE PAID.
Jan. 15,*	4.05 P. M.	Wood	George A. Clift	Soot in chimney	None	None.	None	None.
Jan. 30,	8.20 P. M.	Wood	B. S. Littlefield	Soot in chimney	None	None	None	None.
Feb. 26,	9.45 P. M.	Brick	Jenkins estate	Unknown	\$28,970.00	\$28,970.00	\$25,075.00	\$22,075 00
Mar. 1,	10.30 A. M.	Wood	Albee Black'g Co	Boiling over	75 00	75.00	25.00	25.00
Mar. 6,	3.50 P. M.	Wood	Regal Shoe Co.	Overturning can	None	None	None	None
Mar. 7,	7.05 P. M.	Wood	John J Callahan	naptha	None	None	None	None
Mar. 9,	3.00 P. M.	Brick	Jenkins estate	Overturn'd lamp	None	None	None	None.
Mar. 20,	8.57 A. M.	Wood	Dept. call	Overturn'd lamp	None	None	None	None.
Mar. 30,	4.55 A. M.	Wood	E. Fitzgibbons	Defect. chimney	600.00	600.00	935.53	935.53
Mar. 31,	6.10 P. M.	Wood	Daniel Hurley	Careless use of	49.50	49.50	8.75	48.75
April 1,	1.45 A. M.	Wood	Albert Ford	matches	200.00	200.00	50.00	50.00
April 15,	5.20 P. M.	False alarm		Cigar & sawdust	None.	None.	None.	None.
April 15,	7.32 P. M.	Wood	Daniel S. Reed	Overturn'd lamp	None.	None.	None.	None.
April 16,	12.03 A. M.	False alarm			None.	None.	None.	None.
Apr. 17*		Wood	Patrick Sullivan	Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.
Apr. 18*		Wood	Geo. Le Brache	Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.
April 23,	5.50 P. M.	Wood	B. S. Littlefield	Soot in chimney	6.00	6.00	21.00	21.00
April 25,	10.55 A. M.	Wood	Geo. Le Brache	Overfilling Gaso-	None.	None.	None.	None.
April 26,	11.25 A. M.	Wood	Joseph Murphy	line Heater	None.	None.	None.	None.
May 3,*		Wood	Mrs E.E Weston	Child'n-matches	None.	None.	None.	None.
May 4,*		Wood	Arthur Phillips	Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.
May 8,	7.20 P. M.	Wood	Thos. Costello	Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.
May 8,	6.58 P. M.	Wood		Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.
June 23,	6.30 P. M.	Wood	E. Sherman	Soot in chimney	None.	None.	None.	None.

July 5	2.30 A.M.	Wood	James Kenney	Filling Gasoline	None	None	None
July 18*		Wood	Frank Stanton	Stove	None	None	None
Aug. 4,*	1.25 A.M.	Wood	Dana Hall	Child'n-matches	None	None	None
				Unknown.	\$500.00		
Aug. 19,	5.15 P.M.	Wood	James Coughlin	Rats and	16.25	65.50	65.00
Aug. 27,	12.50 P.M.	Wood	L. Holbrook	matches	153.00	75.00	None
Sept. 5,	8.50 P.M.	Wood	John Ford	Oil stove, rags	None	None	None
Sept. 10,	9.30 A.M.	False alarm		Overfilling			
				lantern			
Sept. 21,	10.30 P.M.			Wreck at R.R.			
				station			
Sept. 22,	12.35 P.M.	Wood	Harry Hildreth	Soot in chimney	None	None	None
Oct. 8,	7.30 P.M.	Wood	Edw. R. Lewis	Overturn'd lamp	17.00	38.75	38.75
Oct. 27*	2.10 P.M.	Wood	Morton Cook	Ashes from pipe	None		
Oct. 29*		Wood	A. Brigham	Child'n-matches	None	None	None
Nov. 18,	12.40 P.M.		Whidden estate	Grass fire			
Nov. 27	3.50 P.M.	Wood	L. Dobson	Defect. chimney	215.00	71.93	71.93
Dec. 2,	2.35 P.M.	Wood	Burton Packard	Unknown	366.00	311.25	311.25
Dec. 4,*		Wood	Joseph Conroy	Soot in chimney	None	None	None
				Overturning			
Dec 30*		Wood	Martin Whiting	oil stove	None	None	None

*Still Alarms

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN
OF WHITMAN:

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Forest Fire Wards hereby submit the eighteenth annual report of the department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905. You will find annexed a statement of the receipts and expenditures. This department has responded to twenty-seven alarms of forest fires during the past year. The number of fires have been exceedingly large.

Yours respectfully,

F. M. DAVIS,

Chief of Forest Fire Wards.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF FOREST FIRE WARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Cash received on orders of Selectmen	282 50
Cash paid—	
Members of H. & L. Co., No. 1, 145 hours at .50	72 50
Members of Hose Co. No. 1, 106 hours at .50..	53 00
Members of Hose Co. No. 2, 53 hours at .50 ..	26 50
Members of Hose Co. No. 3, 194 hours at .50..	97 00
F. M. Davis, 15 hours at .50.....	7 50
Charles Conant, 17 hours at .50	8 50
E. S. Nutter, 35 hours at .50.....	17 50
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	\$282 50

No appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

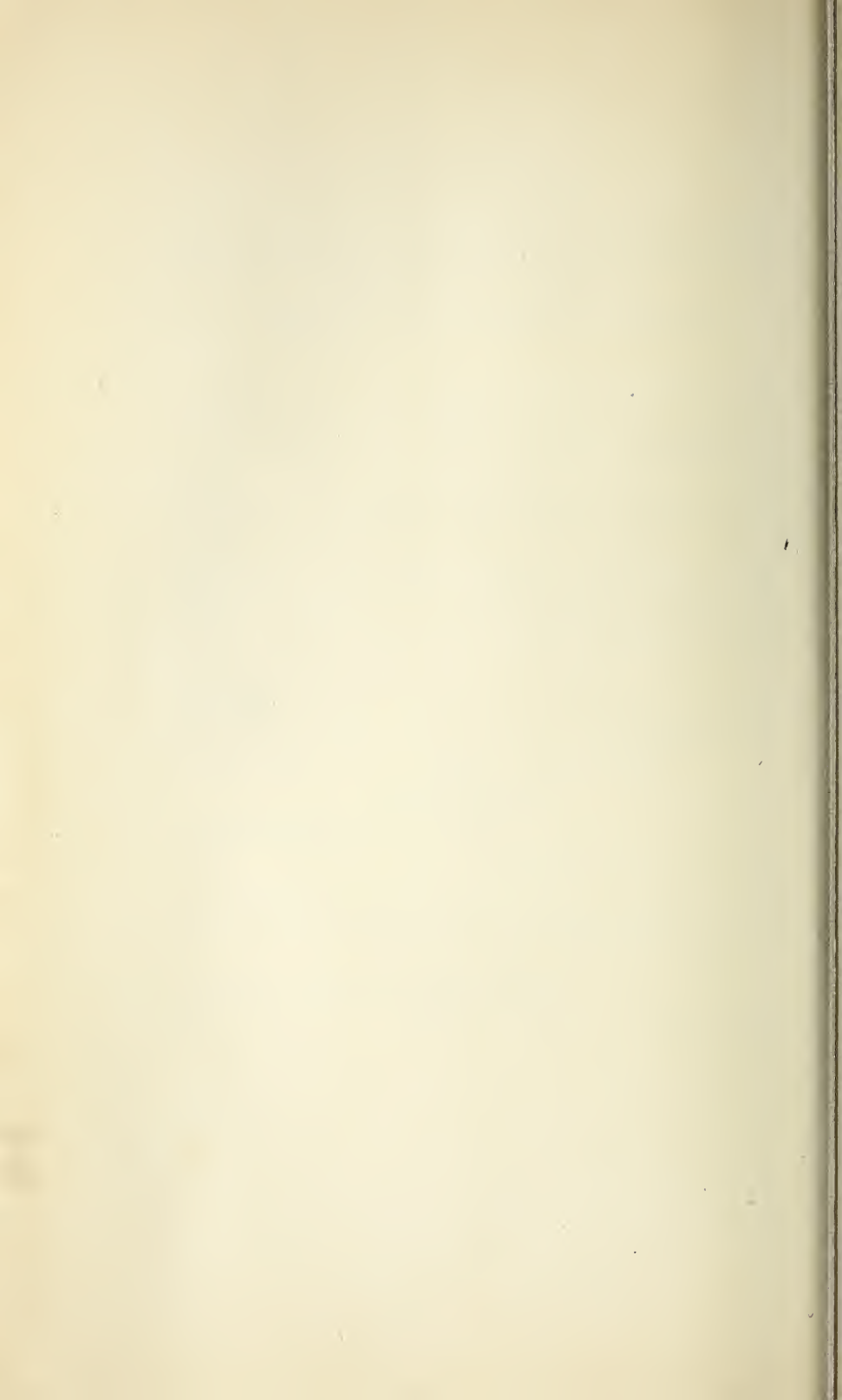
F. M. DAVIS,

Clerk of Forest Fire Wards.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Feb. 19, 1906.



TOWN OF WHITMAN,

WATER DEPARTMENT, 1905.

Water Commissioners.

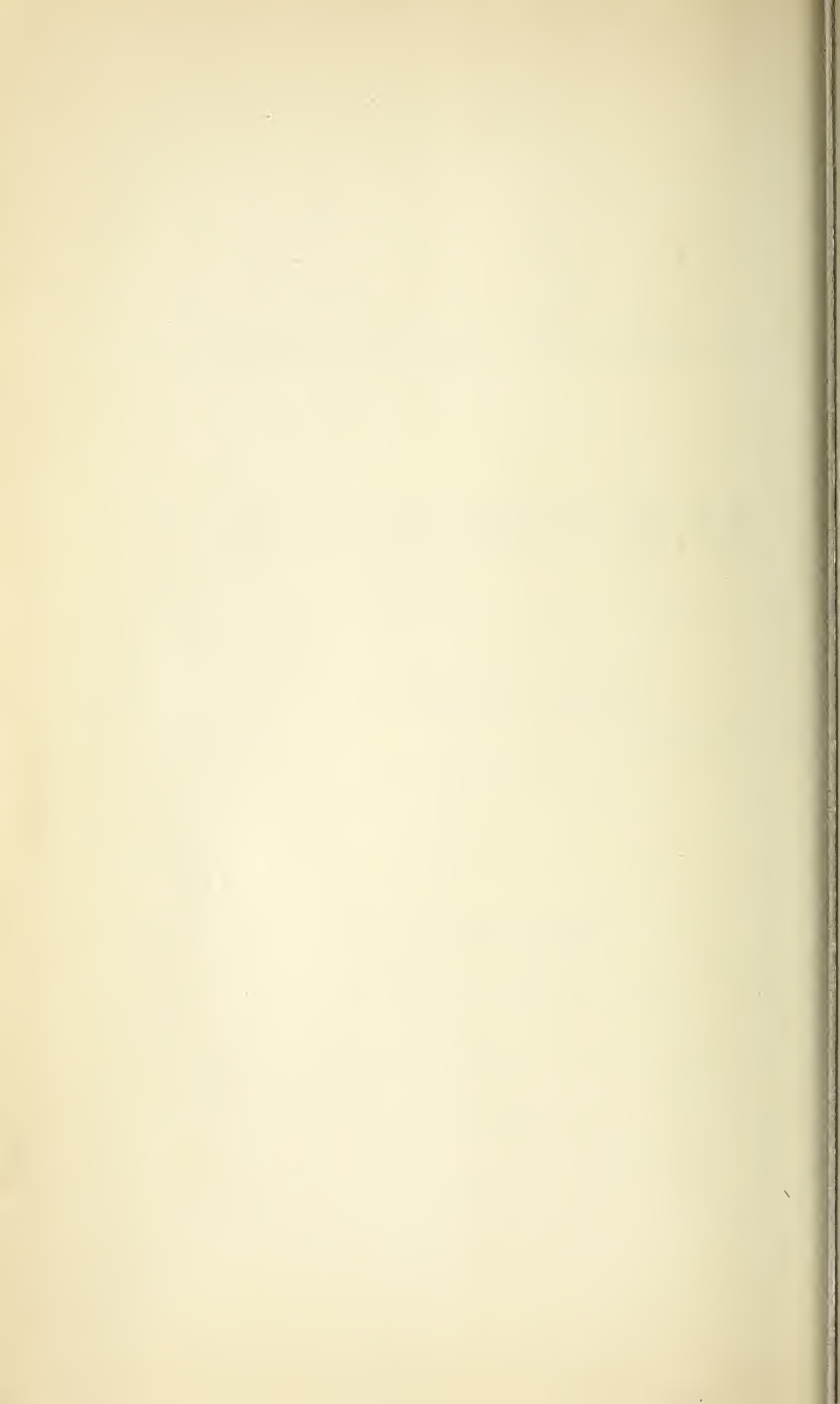
E. C. HOWARD,

J. C. GILBERT,

A. R. McCALLUM.

Superintendent.

A. R. McCALLUM.



WATER DEPARTMENT.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The new water supply let into our system January 2, 1905, has proved a success and we are pleased to report that the amount paid to the City of Brockton for furnishing the water has not exceeded what we anticipated, and the income from water rates has been very satisfactory. The extra pressure on the pipe line opened up but few leaks, and with one exception nothing has occurred to cause much waste of water. At the destruction of Jenkins' Block by fire in February the supply was severely tested, but at no time was there any lack of water, although the pressure could not be kept up to a full standpipe with so many lines of hose and steamers attached. The break on South avenue near the High school, which flooded the street from Marble to the railroad station, was caused by a piece of imperfect pipe. This was promptly repaired by putting in a new piece, and everything now is in good condition; the Park avenue main, left unfinished last fall on account of cold weather, has been completed and 3,706 feet of new mains have been laid and eighty-five new services put in, and nearly all furnished with meters. These extensions were made necessary by the building of many new houses outside of the old pipe line. These new services will add quite largely to the income from water rates the coming year. The amount of water furnished by Brockton was 57,583,500 gallons, amounting with meter expenses to \$4,675.48, and the income from all sources amounts to \$13,238.37, leaving a balance of \$8,562.89 to pay the interest on bonds and running expenses.

The maintenance account is somewhat larger this year on account of the additional \$800.00 interest on the new bonds issued, and the expense of lowering about 500 feet of mains,

made necessary by cutting the streets to grade. Also 400 feet of service pipes connecting with the same which were frozen last winter.

The stand pipe is now arranged with an automatic valve which closes when it is full and remains so until the pressure from Brockton is less than the pressure from the stand pipe, which occurs only once a day, and then only lowers about five feet.

The old pumping station still remains, as we have not been able to dispose of it at any price. Have advertised it in the Boston papers and made inquiries from all sources, but as yet have been unable to find a customer. We have a plan under consideration relating to the disposition of the whole plant which we think will be satisfactory to the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. HOWARD,	}	Water Commissioners of Whitman
J. C. GILBERT,		
A. R. McCALLUM,		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE WATER COMMISSIONERS:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1905.

EXTENSIONS.

The mains have been extended as follows:

Temple Street.....	108 feet	2-inch pipe
Belmont Street.....	320 "	2½-inch "
" "	58 "	2-inch "
Arthur Street.....	326 "	2-inch "
Plymouth Street.....	317 "	2-inch "
Benson Street.....	251 "	2-inch "
Quincy Place.....	463 "	2-inch "
Carleton Street.....	191 "	1-inch "
George Street.....	214 "	6-inch "
" "	300 "	4-inch "
Winter Street.....	324 "	6-inch "
Crescent Street.....	341 "	6-inch "
Ellis Avenue.....	270 "	1-inch "
" "	70 "	2-inch "
Hersey Street.....	153 "	2-inch "

HYDRANTS.

One new hydrant has been set on George street and one on Park avenue.

GATES.

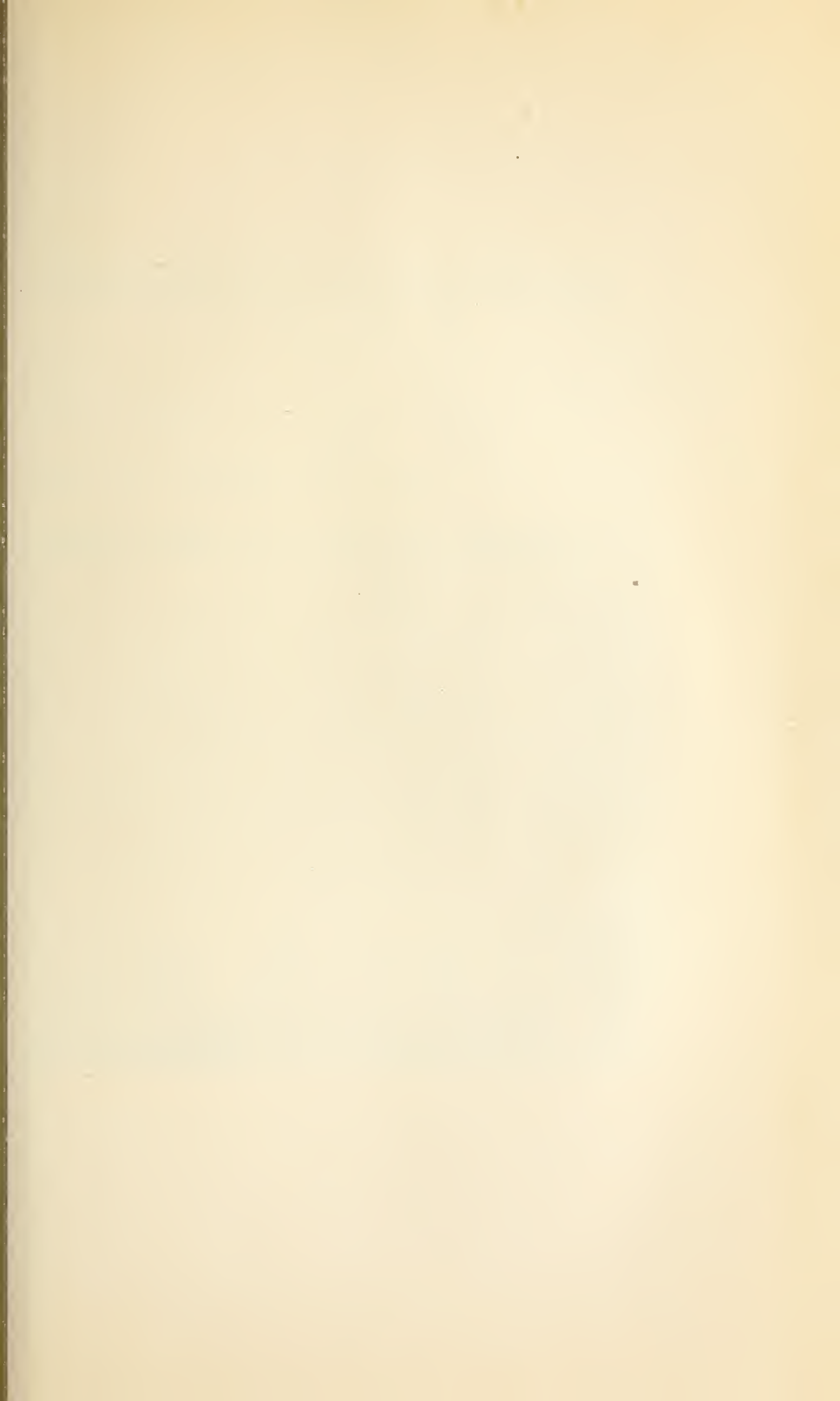
Four new gates have been set, one 6-inch at the old pumping station; one 6-inch on George street; one 6-inch on Crescent street, and one 8-inch on Park avenue near Alden street.

SERVICES.

Eighty-five new services have been laid, making a total of 1178.

METERS.

The number of meters now in use is 637. The large increase in the number of meters this year is caused by setting meters in nearly all of the services put in during the past season, and I recommend that this practice be continued.



SCHEDULE OF PIPING, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF FEET LAID TO
JAN. 1, 1906, AND WHERE LOCATED.

STREETS.	Inch 16	Inch 14	Inch 12	Inch 10	Inch 8	Inch 6	Inch 4	Inch 2	Inch 1 1-2	Inch 1	Total
Alden	2020	.....	.....	.....	.....	2020
Arthur	326	.....	.....	326
Auburn	810	135	2331	.....	.....	.....	.....	3276
Bedford	2537	2772	.....	.....	.....	3223	.....	.....	.....	.....	8532
Belmont	378	.....	.....	378
Benson Place	251	.....	140	391
Beulah	14	2527	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2541
Blake	913	28	.....	.....	.....	941
Broad	1892	.....	.....	.....	.....	491	1892
Carlton Place	491
Central Place	416	.....	.....	.....	.....	416
Charles	611	.....	.....	.....	.....	611
Cherry	410	.....	.....	.....	.....	410
Chestnut	509	.....	.....	.....	509
Church Street	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	400
Corthell Avenue	378	378
Cottage	446	.....	.....	.....	446
Court	1105	.....	.....	.....	.....	1105
Crescent	461	470	.....	.....	.....	931
Day	698	.....	.....	.....	698
Dover	773	.....	.....	.....	.....	773
Dyer Avenue	366	532	.....	.....	.....	898
East Avenue	565	.....	.....	.....	.....	1094
Ellis Avenue	310	.....	.....	.....	712	.....	219	.....	.....	1032
Elm	167	.....	70	.....	270	167
Erin	607	.....	.....	.....	607
Forest	2043
Franklin	2043	.....	.....	.....	.....	2259
Fullerton Avenue	2259	.....	.....	.....	.....	506
George	506	.....	.....	.....	.....	796
Glen	1386	.....	.....	214	582	.....	.....	.....	1434

SCHEDULE OF PIPING—(Continued.)

STREETS.	Inch 16	Inch 14	Inch 12	Inch 10	Inch 8	Inch 6	Inch 4	Inch 2	Inch 1 1-2	Inch 1	Total
West						1168					1604
Wilmot								427			427
Winter						1835					1835
Franklin Street and South Avenue											35
School Street							35				29
Temple Street							32				32
Piping for Hyd. Branches Piping for Fire Service, L. C. Bliss & Co's fac- tory						1645					1645
Brigham's factory					360	530					890
Commonwealth factory						245					245
Dunbar, Hobart & Co's factory				300		900					1200
Jenkins Bros. factory						360					360
Whitaker factory						164					164
Whitman Paper Box Co. D. B. Gurney's factory						133	38	197			330
Davis Gurney's factory						431					431
E. Fiske & Co. factory						120	75				195
Totals	2537	2772	4364	4312	17,630	69,490	5258	4472	1179	1633	113647

Total length of mains, 21 miles, 2767 feet.

Total number of public hydrants, 146.

Total number of gates, 113.

Total number private hydrants, 22.

PUMPING ACCOUNT.

Total amount of water pumped from Silver Lake by the city of Brockton for the year ending December 31, 1905:

From January 2 to April 1.....	12,588,750 Gallons
“ April 1 to July 1.....	16,007,250 “
“ July 1 to October 1.....	18,382,500 “
“ October 1 to December 30.....	10,704,000 “

Making a total of 57,583,500 gallons for the year, and costing with meter expenses, etc., \$4,675.48

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. McCALLUM, Superintendent.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MAINTENANCE.

Received from—

Water Rates	\$9485 29
Hydrant Service.....	2880 00
Meter Rents	873 08
Damage to meters by frost.....	1 50
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	\$13,239 87

Paid—

Interest on Water Loan.....	\$4800 00
City of Brockton	4675 48
F. R. McCallum, labor	424 88
A. R. McCallum, services as superintendent...	600 00
A. R. McCallum, team.....	75 00
Union Water Meter Co., repairs on meters....	37 35
Thos. Hoey Supply Co., fittings	2 40
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	6 40
Walworth Mfg Co., fittings.....	3 28
National Meter Co., meter repairs.....	92 10
Chas. F. Reed, envelopes.....	33 30
So. Mass. Telephone Co.....	25 00
Penniman's Ex	22 30
R. W. Cook, coke.....	8 15
J. W. Hutchinson, gravel	1 70
Geo. Atwood, furnishing water.....	66 00
A. Davis, rent of shop and yard.....	100 00
Chester Maglathlin, labor	75
Greenwood, Daggett & Co., fittings.....	2 65
Hersey Meter Co., repairs.....	7 04
J. C. Gilbert, service as clerk and treasurer....	450 00
Coughlin Bros., prof. services.....	6 50
Globe News Co., advertising.....	7 00

Walter Pearson, machine labor.....	1 36
W. C. Blanchard, ice for fountain.....	22 00
Ludlow Valve Co., castings.....	4 50
Geo. A. Clift, oil.....	90
E. W. Noyes, supplies.....	24 21
Globe Wernicke Co., filing case.....	5 20
B. S. Atwood, wood.....	5 25
B. S. Atwood, rent of land.....	150 00
M. J. Briggs, labor.....	33 00
J. L. Fairbanks, books.....	30 00
Fairbanks Bros. Co., supplies	5 64
Whitman Moulding Co., lumber.....	2 51
Chas. H. Edson, prof. service.....	3 20
Boston Safe Deposit Co., rent of box.....	10 00
Chas. R. Felton, services as engineer.....	15 00
Whitman L. & P. Co., lighting station.....	2 50
Wm. Work, labor.....	55 75
Thos. Downey, labor.....	12 62
Patrick Sullivan, labor.....	4 00
E. C. Howard, services as water commissioner..	10 00
Robt. McCallum, labor.....	10 66
John Moneghan, labor.....	1 50
Sidney W. Reid, labor.....	3 75
Wm. Foley, labor.....	9 25
Dan. Hickey, labor.....	18 00
John T. McCallum, labor.....	65 76
John Bagley, labor.....	188 50
John Nolan, labor.....	22 75
Philip Barry, labor.....	5 25
E. S. Nutter, labor.....	6 50
Thos. Whalen, labor.....	75
Frank Cox, labor.....	12 00
I. J. Smith, labor.....	1 00
B. S. Atwood, furnishing steam for station.....	19 00

E. C. Howard, lanterns, globes and other supplies	\$19 30
J. C. Gilbert, cash paid for incidentals.....	10 15

Total cost of maintenance.....	\$12,238 54
Balance carried to construction account.....	1001 33

\$13,239 87

Amount of water rates due for the year 1905, uncollected, \$721.00.

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905.....	\$2608 85
Received for stock, labor, etc.....	209 24
Received from maintenance account.....	1001 33
Received from cash borrowed.....	1025 00

\$4844 42

EXPENDITURES.

Paid—

Donald Iron Co., cast iron pipe.....	\$514 12
Thos. Hoey Supply Co., pipe.....	400 47
National Meter Co., meters.....	1001 60
Union Water Meter Co., sidewalk stops.....	141 60
Coffin Valve Co., gates and hydrants.....	241 35
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings.....	58 13
Boston Steam Spec. Co., pipe.....	126 80
Mueller Mfg. Co., goosenecks.....	83 48
Davis & Farnum, castings.....	29 58
Harold L. Bond, supplies.....	4 28
Builders' Iron Foundry, castings.....	14 00
Ludlow Valve Co., castings.....	20 00
Sumner & Goodwin Co., couplings.....	19 00
Chadwick & Boston Lead Co., pig lead.....	140 89

N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. Co., freight.....	\$12 90
E. C. Howard, supplies.....	12 71
Anderson Coupling Co., couplings.....	12 50
Ross Valve Co., pressure regulating valve.....	40 00
M. Kenneally, teaming.....	15 65
Chas. Conant, blacksmithing	20 90
Henry D. Reed, use of wagon.....	5 00
Fletcher Chandler, labor	42 75
T. W. S. Keene, lumber	4 60
Fairbanks Bros., lamp wicks.....	20
A. R. McCallum, cash paid for repairs on pump	15 00
Thos. Russell, labor	8 00
F. R. McCallum, labor	361 91
Wm. Foley, labor	211 25
Timothy Swift, labor	91 25
John O'Brien, labor	24 50
Sidney W. Reid, labor	9 75
Wm. O'Brien, labor	14 00
Philip Barry, labor.....	66 00
Wm. Work, labor	211 63
Peter Holt, labor	102 25
J. T. Reilly, labor.....	63 00
R. W. Cook, supplies	3 65
Thos. Downey, labor	102 00
Robt. McCallum, labor.....	96 45
John Moneghan, labor.....	22 75
John Bagley, labor	298 00
John T. McCallum, labor.....	39 38
W. Moneghan, labor.....	13 00
Dan Hicky, labor.....	110 25
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Total cost of construction.....	\$4826 62
Cash on hand to balance	17 80
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	\$4844 42

SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

Appropriated by Town.....	\$37,500 00
Accumulated interest.....	15,410 23
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	\$52,910 23

INVESTMENTS.

Invested in So. Abington Water Loan Bonds...	\$19,000 00
Invested in Lawrence City Bonds.....	9036 25
Invested in Madison, Me., Bonds	5075 00
Invested in Whitman Water Loan Bonds.....	15,000 00
Deposited in Whitman Savings Bank.....	361 78
Deposited in Plymouth County Trust Co.....	4437 20
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	\$52,910 23

CLASSIFIED INCOME FROM WATER RATES,
METER RENTS, ETC., FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

From—

Faucet Rates.....	2498 75
Domestic Meters.....	5463 59
Manufacturing Meters	1432 23
Meter Rents	873 08
Frozen meters.....	1 50
Sprinkling streets	90 72
Hydrant service.....	2880 00
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	\$13,239 87
Total running expenses	7438 54
Interest on Water Loans	4800 00
Balance in favor of Town	1001 33
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	\$13,239 87

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash received for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Water rates, meter rents, and hydrant service..	\$13,238 37
Appropriations for sinking fund	2500 00
Sinking fund interest	1937 20
Received from individuals for labor and stock..	209 24
Frozen meters.....	1 50
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1905.....	2608 85
Cash borrowed.....	1025 00
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	\$21,520 16

Total cash paid—

Maintenance	7438 54
Construction	4826 62
Interest on water loan.....	4800 00
Sinking fund.....	2500 00
Sinking fund interest.....	1937 20
Cash on hand to balance.....	17 80
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	\$21,520 16

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GILBERT, Treasurer.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported with proper vouchers.

G. HOWARD SOULE, }
BELA ALDEN, } Auditors.

Feb. 5, 1906

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION TO JAN. 1, 1905.

1883-4, Expended through construction com-				
mittee.....				\$52,256 85
1884, Expended on construction.....				3626 68
1885	"	"	"	1285 93
1886	"	"	"	6671 67
1887	"	"	"	9989 16
1888	"	"	"	8553 51
1889	"	"	"	1671 61
1890	"	"	"	7688 28
1891	"	"	"	4002 30
1892	"	"	"	6427 91
1893	"	"	"	9144 31
1894	"	"	"	1765 22
1895	"	"	"	3858 96
1896	"	"	"	5365 07
1897	"	"	"	1917 88
1898	"	"	"	1663 70
1899	"	"	"	1392 81
1900	"	"	"	2351 08
1901	"	"	"	1981 94
1902	"	"	"	801 84
1903	"	"	"	1996 04
1904	"	"	"	23,277 14
1905	"	"	"	4826 62
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				\$162,516 51

STATISTICS OF WHITMAN WATER WORKS.

WHITMAN, (PLYMOUTH COUNTY) MASS.

Population, 6856.

Works constructed 1883-84.

Owned by Town.

Source of supply, Silver Lake.

Mode of supply, pumping.

Average pressure, 65 pounds.

Total cost of works to Jan. 1, 1906, \$162,516.51.

Total amount of outstanding bonds, 120,000.00.

Rate of interest, 4 per cent.

Kind of pipe, cement-lined and cast iron.

Kind of hydrants, Ludlow and Coffin.

Kind of gates, Ludlow and Coffin.

Number of hydrants now in use in use, 168.

Total number of services, 1178.

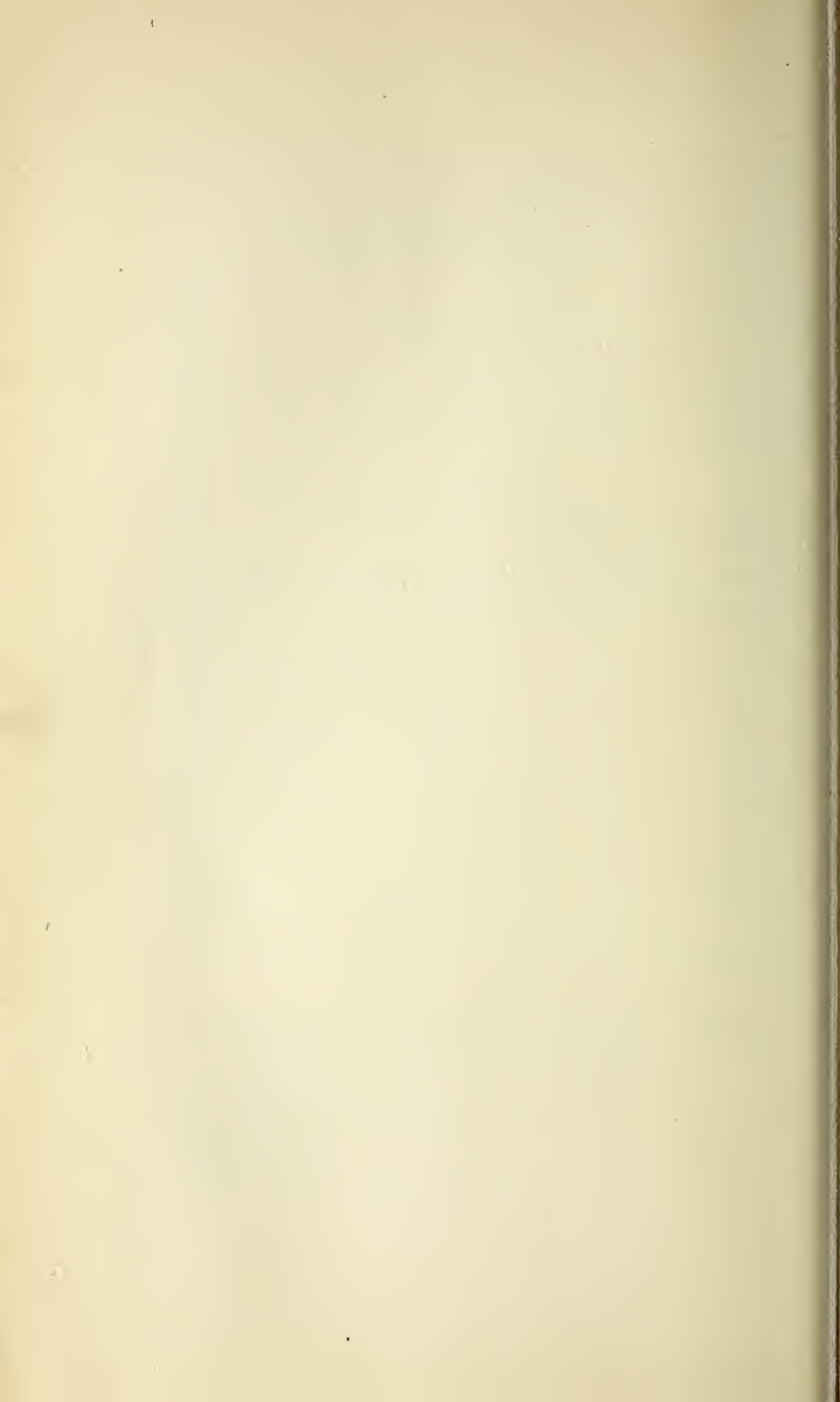
STORAGE.

Standpipe, 105 feet high, 20 feet in diameter.

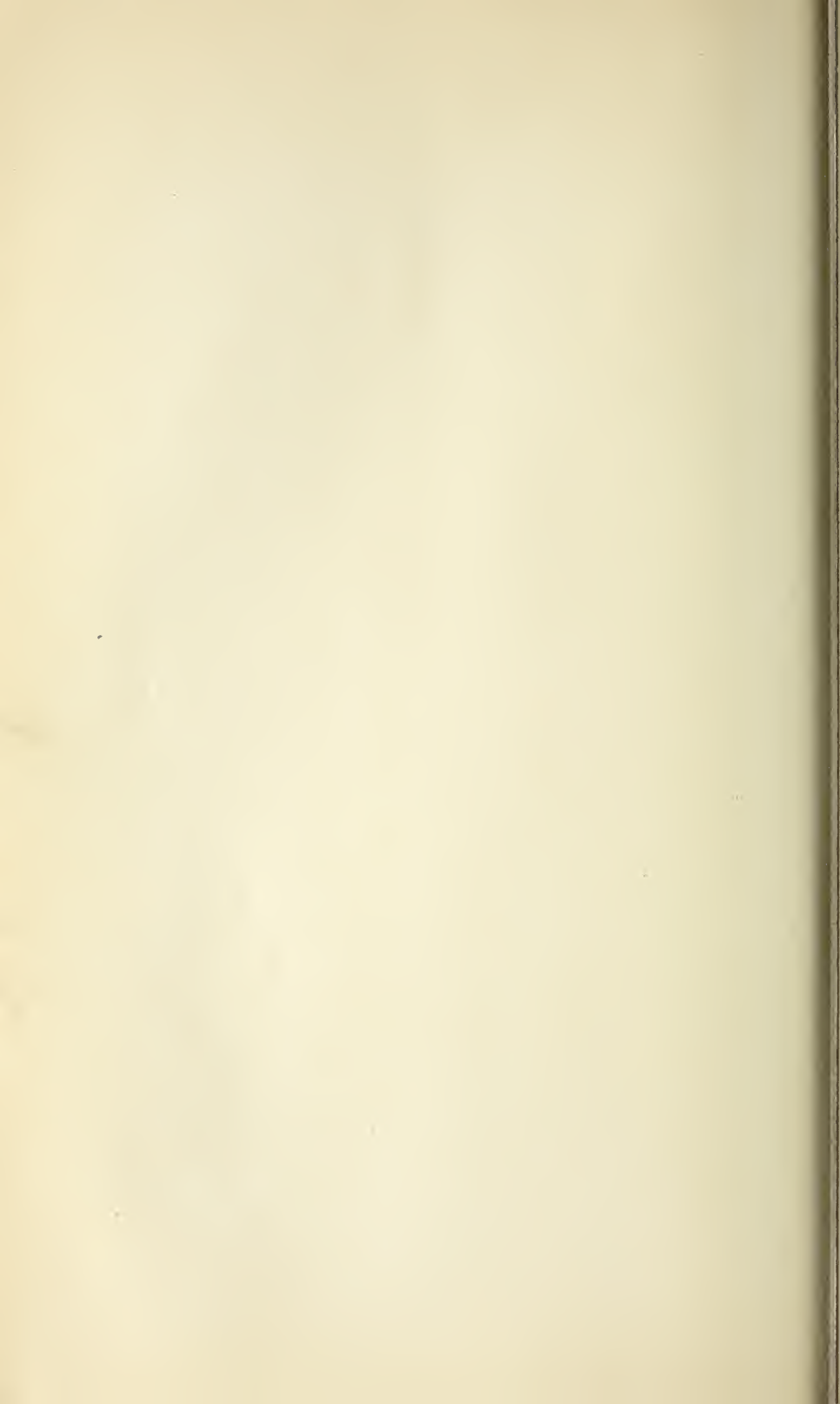
Capacity, 240,000 gallons.

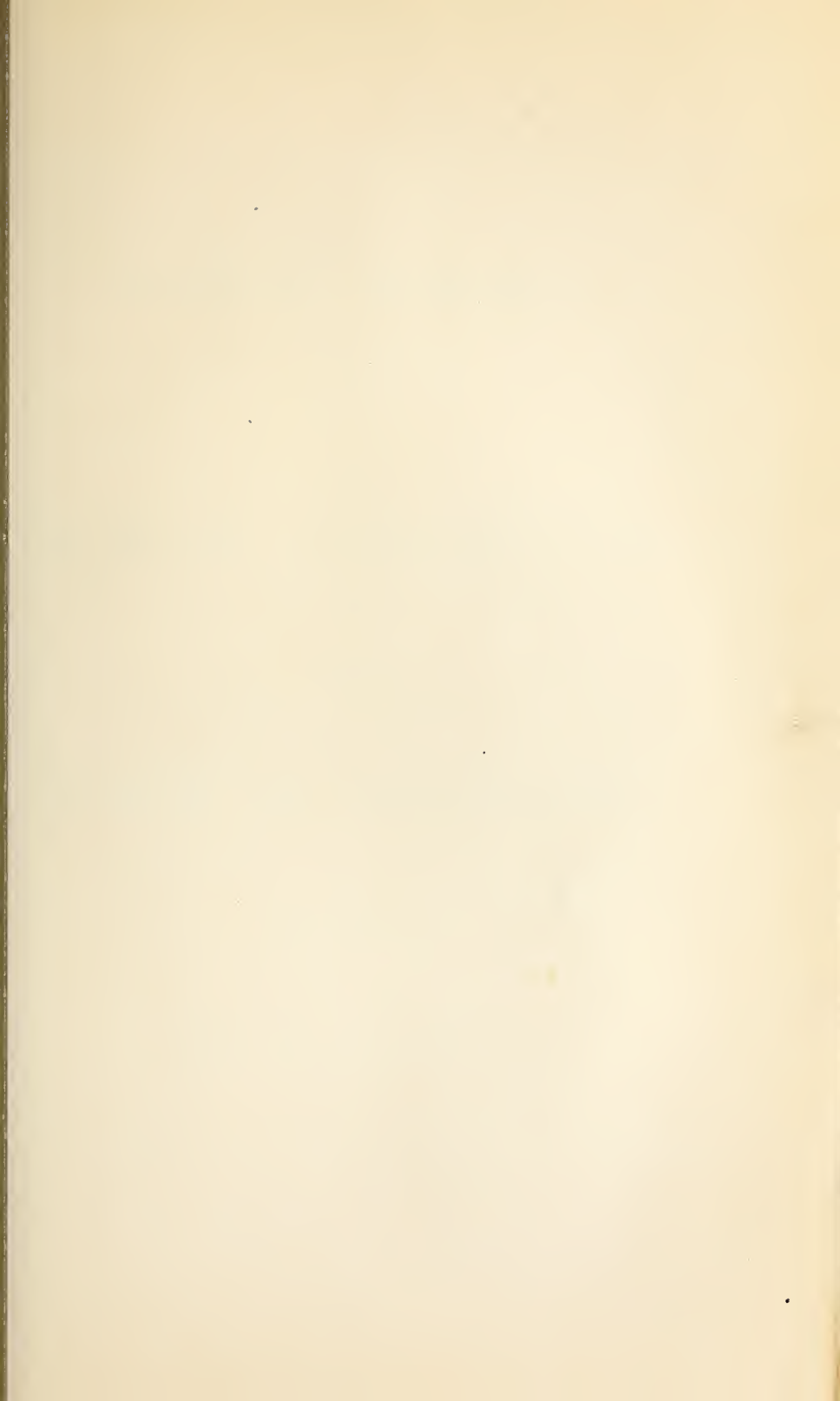
Built by Cunningham Iron Works, Charlestown, Mass.

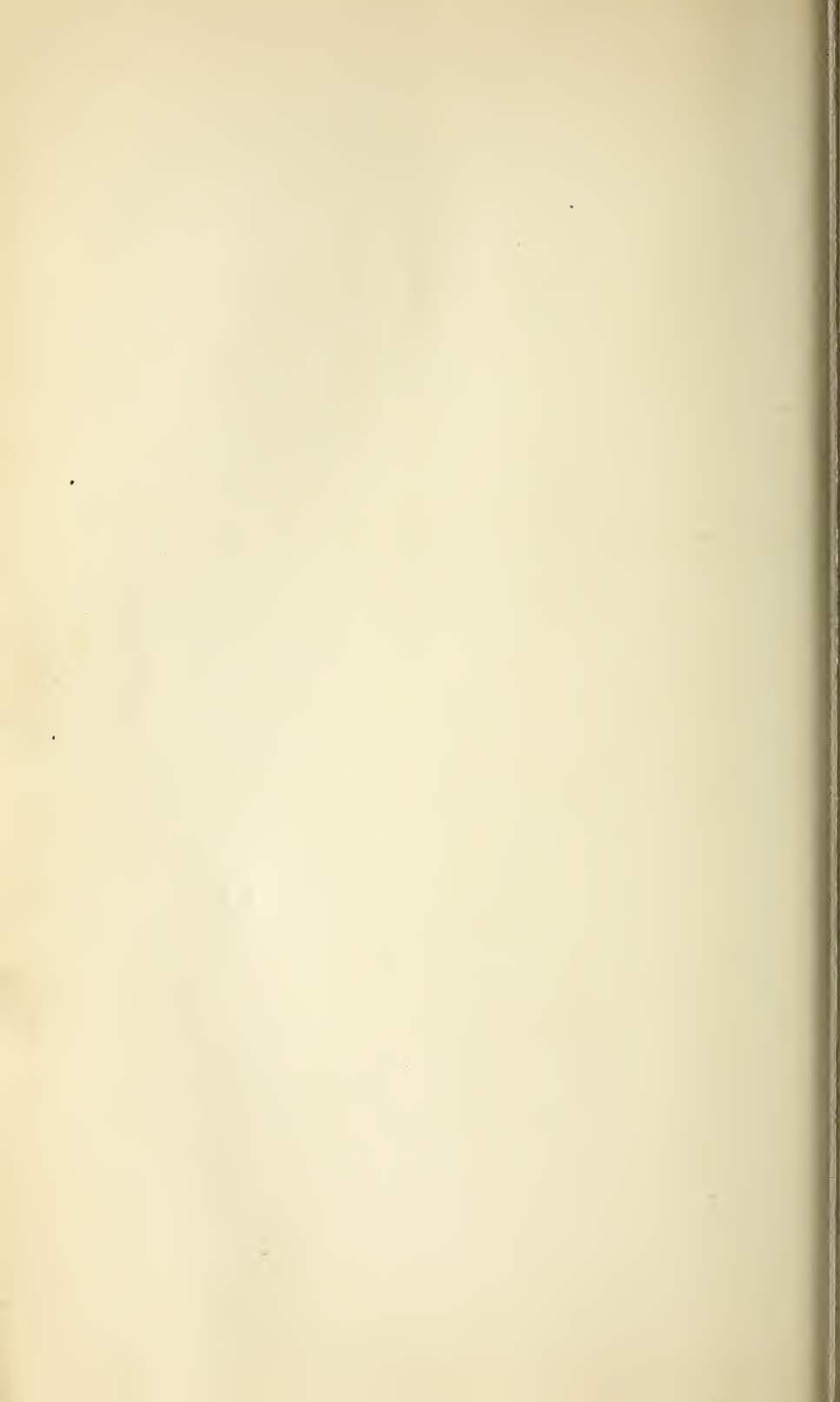
Total length of mains, 21 miles, 2767 feet.











ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WHITMAN,

MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1905.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1906.

The winter term will end Friday, March 23.
 The spring term will begin Monday, April 2.
 The school year will close Thursday, June 28.
 The fall term will begin Tuesday, September 4.
 The fall term will close Friday, December 21.
 The winter term will begin Monday, December 31.

VACATIONS.

One week beginning Monday, March 26.
 Ten weeks beginning Monday, July 2.
 Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.
 One week beginning December 24.
 The legal holidays.

NO-SESSION SIGNALS.

The signal for no-session of the schools will be 2—2 sounded four times on the fire alarm whistle and bells, and on the whistle of the Regal Shoe Co. if the alarm whistle is not in order. The hours at which it may be sounded are 7.30, 7.45, 8 A. M., 12.30 and 12.50 P. M.

If the signal is given at 7.30 A. M., there will be NO FORENOON SESSION OF ANY OF THE SCHOOLS.

If the signal is given at 7.45 A. M., there will be NO FORENOON SESSION IN ANY SCHOOL BELOW GRADE IX.

If the signal is given at 8 A. M., there will be a session in ALL the schools EXCEPTING IN GRADES I, II and III.

The signal at 12.30 P. M. will indicate NO AFTERNOON SESSION IN GRADES I, II and III.

The signal at 12.50 P. M. will indicate NO SESSION IN ANY OF THE GRADES.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

	TERM EXPIRES.
ELMER W. NOYES.....	1906
WALTER E. TRUFANT.....	1907
MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL.....	1908

ORGANIZATION.

MRS. EUGENIA F. LOVELL.....	Chairman
WALTER E. TRUFANT.....	Secretary

SUB-COMMITTEES.

MRS. E. F. LOVELL.....	{ High School. Reed School.
E. W. NOYES.....	{ Dyer School. Gurney School.
W. E. TRUFANT.....	{ Hastings School. Corthell School. Bates School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

HENRY M. WALRADT.....36 Park Ave.

Office, Room 6, Town Office, Bank Block.

Office Hours, Mondays and Thursdays, 4 to 5 P.M., during term time.

REPORT.

On the following pages will be found the report of this committee and also that of the Superintendent of Schools, which has been adopted as a part of the School Committee's report.

In response to the need which all felt for more school accommodations, the town at the annual meeting, voted to build a two-room addition to the Reed school and this was built by the school committee in time for the opening of the schools in September. The materials used and the workmanship were of the very best and the new rooms are in every respect ideal school rooms. When the building was built the attempt was made to heat the halls with the same furnaces which warmed the school rooms but this could not be done and this fact was overlooked when estimates were made of the cost of the addition, which accounts for the expenditure being slightly in excess of the appropriation. To heat the halls we put in a small furnace to do this alone and as this furnace is entirely in the old building its cost might properly have been charged to some other account which would have brought the cost of the addition considerably within the appropriation. This furnace not only heats the halls in severe weather but in the spring and fall when it is necessary to take the chill off the rooms, the whole building can be warmed from the halls, and the three large furnaces need not be started, thus making a great saving in labor and fuel. In passing it may be noted that the appearance of the building is improved by the addition, and the cost is about one half what a two-room building would cost if built by itself.

In the Hastings School twenty double desks were replaced with individual adjustable chair desks, and all of the

double combination desks in the Bates school were taken out and thirty-seven individual adjustable chair desks put in. There are now no double desks in any of the schools. This greatly improved the Bates schoolroom and the coming year we hope to improve the ventilation as this is the only building in town deficient in this respect.

The completion of the addition and alterations to the Dyer building leaves little to be desired in accommodations for the grades, but as we pointed out in our report last year the High school problem can not be long evaded. This year we had 183 pupils at one time in the High school, which cannot accommodate more than 200 pupils, and it is almost certain that this number will be reached next year, and the year after, extra accommodations will have to be provided. In view of this and the time taken for building operations, early consideration must be given to this question.

To facilitate the work at the High school this year, we, by making some alterations, fitted up the girls' basement which was used only for storage, for use as a drawing room. By using one of the furnaces which came from the Corthell building for heating this room and pipes from the Dyer building for ventilation, the cost was kept very low, and there was no cost for new furniture as we used old furniture altogether.

We notice that some towns no larger than Whitman maintain evening schools. We have had no formal requests for such a school, but this being a manufacturing town, it may be that there are quite a number who would be glad to attend. If there should be a general demand for an evening school the cost of starting and maintaining it would not be great as the High school building is already lighted. The principal cost would be for teachers, which might be assessed on the pupils.

After our school days are over one often wishes he had

some particular book which he studied at school. In Chapter 42, Section 38 of the Revised Statutes, there is a provision made so that pupils may purchase text books from the town, and under certain conditions if the committee so vote, not exceeding three books may be given to pupils when they graduate from the ninth grade. The cost of giving the books to the pupils would be comparatively small, as they would be the books which the children had used and would be partly worn out. We recommend that the Section referred to, which reads as follows, be adopted:

SECTION 36. In a city which, by vote of the board of alderman, and in a town which, by vote of the inhabitants at an annual town meeting, accepts the provisions of this section or has accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, the school committee shall make regulations with reference to the care, custody and distribution of books and supplies so loaned, and may provide for the continued use of any text books by such pupils throughout any grades. Such pupils may, if the school committee so votes, purchase from such city or town, at such time and place as the school committee designates, at not more than the cost price to such city or town, any text books which are or are to be used by them in the public schools, and, if the committee so votes, pupils who complete two years in any public school in grades more advanced than the fourth grade may, upon graduating from the grammar school and upon application to the school committee, be permitted to acquire the permanent ownership of such three text books, used during the last year of their attendance in the school, as they may select.

All the buildings have been kept in first-class repair and the citizens may be justly proud of their school accommodations.

Next year the old part of the Dyer building will have to

be shingled for which we ask an appropriation. Some painting should also be done.

For next year we ask for \$23,000.00 for schooling proper. This will be necessary on account of the larger teaching force and the cost of heating and care of the new rooms. And in view of the painting referred to and the contemplated improvements in the Bates building we ask for \$2,000 for incidentals.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WHITMAN:

In presenting to you my third annual report, I call your attention once more to the subject of school accommodations. During the past twelve months the situation has become clearer and the outlook is more promising; but the most optimistic observer can hardly deny that the conditions prevailing since the opening of the school year are less favorable than the conditions of a year ago. Before this report will appear in print, however, the long-wished relief for the elementary schools will probably be realized. A survey of the situation by schools will show what has been accomplished during the year and how far the town has fallen short of providing proper accommodations for its children.

THE BATES SCHOOL.

This school has been improved by the substitution of modern adjustable furniture for the old-fashioned double seats and desks with which it was previously equipped. Other improvements are contemplated. The building is not a credit to the town. If the primary pupils of the Bates district are to receive advantages enjoyed by other children of the town, a radical renovation of the building is imperative.

THE CORTHELL SCHOOL.

The heating and ventilating apparatus introduced more than a year ago is working satisfactorily. The general condition of the school is good, but improved window shades for better regulating the afternoon sunlight ought to be provided.

THE DYER SCHOOL.

One of last year's suggestions for more schoolrooms was a plan for the enlargement of the Dyer building. In town meeting this plan met the fate of others and was defeated. The summer vacation came. The school committee saw no way to execute its

purpose of discontinuing the Temple Street School. At this crisis a few energetic and public-spirited citizens consulted concerning the true interest of the town, and the result was another town meeting at which the previously defeated Dyer school plan was adopted. A building committee was appointed and many people thought that four rooms would be added to the building before the opening of the fall term.

Unexpected and perhaps unavoidable delays disappointed these expectations. Vacation was lengthened one week, but still the building was not ready for use. The school committee was confronted with a perplexing difficulty. Instead of getting the expected four new rooms, it had lost the use of six old rooms. It was also impossible to continue the use of a High school room for grammar school pupils. To offset this loss of seven rooms, only two new rooms (which will be noticed in connection with the Reed school) were available.

The superintendent recommended, as the best adjustment of the difficulty—taking into consideration the welfare of all the children and the feelings of their parents—that all pupils below the fifth grade (except in the Bates school) be put upon half time, so that by using a number of schoolrooms for two groups of pupils, every child of school age could get at least a part of the education which the town was under obligation to provide.

He also recommended that the teachers already elected for the Dyer school be assigned as additional teachers in the school buildings that remained in use. Not only was this retention of the Dyer teachers due to them, but it also lessened the loss caused to the pupils by shortening their hours of schooling and by increasing the size of many classes.

This plan was approved by the committee. Printed notices informed the people where and when the children were to attend school. With few exceptions parents treated the committee and superintendent with gratifying consideration. In view of the long continued neglect of the town to heed their earnest pleas for more schoolrooms, this consideration was fair and proper.

In the execution of the plan the afternoon session for pupils on half time was lengthened to three hours, in order that their opportunities might be equal to the opportunities of those who

attended morning sessions only. No teacher, however, is required to teach more than the usual five hours a day.

This half time arrangement has continued a much longer time than was anticipated. The work at the Dyer building has suffered delay after delay. Little children from Harvard street even now daily pass the Dyer school on their long journey to the Corthell, and pupils living almost within a stone's throw from the Dyer walk to and from the Reed school. If these and similar experiences induce parents to heed future requests for schoolrooms, their children will not have suffered in vain.

When completed, the Dyer school, with its improved system of heating, ventilating and plumbing, will compare favorably with wooden buildings of other towns. Unfortunately the amount of the appropriation is too small to admit of fully equipping the building with new furniture. In part it will be provided with a high grade of adjustable seats and desks; but none of its old-fashioned furniture will go out of use. The looks of the building and the welfare of the children appropriately demand modern furniture for every room. I recommend that the town be asked to make a special appropriation for fully providing the school with proper seats and desks.

THE GURNEY SCHOOL.

The sanitary apparatus of this school having become defective, it became necessary to determine whether to make proper repairs or to substitute a better system. Present economy suggested repairing the present plant. Improved sanitation involved considerable expense. The nature of the soil also suggested possible difficulty in disposing of the water necessary for the use of the better system. The "dry" closets have therefore been retained and put in proper condition. Further consideration may well be given to the matter of school sanitation in this town. Eventually the way will be found, financially and otherwise, let us hope, for having a "flushing" system in every school in Whitman.

THE HASTINGS SCHOOL.

For a long time one room in the Hastings school was disfigured by a mixture of furniture of different types, nearly half of it being antiquated double seats and desks similar to those already

mentioned in connection with the Bates school. This double furniture has been removed and the equipment of the room is now satisfactory.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The comprehensive plan submitted by the committee, a year ago, included the erection of a new high school building of modern type, intended to be a relief from conditions known to be detrimental to the welfare of the pupils, prohibitive of the proper development of the school, and discreditable to the town. Ordinarily towns seek guidance from those to whom they have entrusted the welfare of the school children. From what has been accomplished by citizens who fully realize the needs of the elementary schools and secured the enlargement of the Dyer school, the superintendent now thinks that a similar understanding of High school conditions would have awakened similar effort to make them better. For want of a clear conception of the difficulty, it seems, rather than from a perverse disposition to ignore the mature recommendation of the committee, a small majority of the voters who took enough interest in the matter to attend town meeting voted against the High school proposition.

The superintendent and the committee clearly saw that the school would be enlarged, at the beginning of the new school year, by at least fifty pupils. Some kind of relief was necessary. In this emergency it was decided (in view of the already voted enlargement of the Reed school and the good fortune (?) of the town that no calamity had befallen its Temple Street school) to discontinue the use of the High school building by ninth grade pupils and to fit up a basement room for use as a schoolroom. The expense of preparing this basement room was kept as low as possible. The best we can say for the new room is that it answers the purpose of enabling the school to do its work within doors.

September came and the predicted increase of fifty pupils was realized by a net increase of sixty. The actual number admitted in September was 187. The school is struggling on, the teachers are apparently doing the best they can with their inadequate accommodations, the pupils probably do not realize what they are losing in the way of opportunities, and it is possible that a

majority of our citizens and voters are still indifferent. Is there not, however, sufficient latent civic pride and solicitude for the welfare of our boys and girls to arouse this town to the importance of providing something better than a basement for its pupils?

Of the pupils who entered the school in September, 1904, ninety-eight returned in September, 1905. If the same ratio holds good during the current year, one hundred and twenty of this year's pupils may be expected to return next year. At the present time there are one hundred and four pupils in the ninth grade. If those who now expect to enter the High school next year are admitted, the year will open with approximately two hundred and twenty pupils. What are we going to do with them?

At the risk of becoming tedious and appearing importunate in the face of repeated discouragements in this matter, the superintendent continues to urge the erection of a new high school building. His excuse and justification is his conception of duty. Knowing how slowly public opinion moves forward to a convincing appreciation of school needs, and how long it takes to complete a building after an appropriation has been made, he would indeed be unworthy of his official position if he failed to keep before the people this urgent need.

THE REED SCHOOL.

At the last annual town meeting one hope was realized. An appropriation for the enlargement of the Reed school was voted without opposition. From the proceeds of that appropriation two commodious and well furnished schoolrooms were made ready for use at the opening of the present school year. If this fortunate enlargement had not been made, many more pupils would have been deprived of one-half the school hours that were due to them.

THE TEMPLE STREET SCHOOL.

The accommodations of this school have not been increased and its use will be discontinued when the Dyer school comes again into service. Mindful of the maxim "speak well of the bridge that has carried you over safely," we are constrained to say a good word for this much discussed building before turning

our backs upon it. Perhaps it is destined to endure as a memorial of the time when it marked the turning point between the policy of doing nothing for the accommodation of an increasing school population and doing something in that direction. As an object lesson we may well hope that it will not soon be forgotten.

A SUGGESTION.

We must not think that the enlargement of the Dyer and Reed buildings will long be adequate to meet the ever growing need of additional seats for pupils. With the six new rooms all in use, many of the rooms will have at least forty-five pupils—a number fully five larger than ought to be assigned to one teacher—and if the recent increase of school population continues, the need of more rooms will soon be felt. It is not inappropriate, therefore, for our fellow citizens, as well as for ourselves, to begin to think what is to be the next provision (after making a proper home for the High school) for additional schoolrooms.

ASSIGNMENT OF PUPILS.

The enlargement of the Dyer school will facilitate a considerably better assignment of pupils than has been known for several years. Opinions may differ as to the desirability of requiring the older pupils to walk long distances to admit of being grouped in rooms of one grade only, but few will deny that all primary pupils should find schools within easy walking distance. The principal hardship suffered by primary pupils (previous to the disuse of the Dyer school) fell to the lot of those who were subjected to the exposure of crossing Whitman Park on their way to the Corthell school. The opening of the Hastings school to the first three grades will be a boon to many children who live north of the Park. With rooms for the first four grades in all the elementary schools, and with rooms for the next three grades in all of these schools except the Bates and the Corthell, the convenience of the children will be well considered.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE.

The introduction of shorthand and typewriting in the extension of the commercial course has justified the expectation of

those who favored the innovation. A large number of pupils are now taking the commercial course and it seems to be a considerable factor in encouraging parents and pupils to prolong the public school days of the pupils.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The greatly increased membership of the schools—especially of the High school—the extension of the commercial course and the rejection of an unusually large number of badly worn books has carried the expense of books and supplies to figures considerably in advance of former years. The expense per pupil, however, is still lower than in many towns of similar resources and a proper regard for the needs of our pupils will not allow us to sanction parsimonious economy. We must, however, urge upon teachers and pupils the proper care and use of books and apparatus and the avoidance of wastefulness in the use of general school supplies.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Special attention has been given to the enforcement of the school attendance laws and good results are in evidence. In the enforcement of these laws the duties of the superintendent and truant officer are not enviable and it is hoped that their motives may not be misunderstood even by those with whom, in the performance of duty, they come most closely into contact.

SIGHT AND HEARING.

Conversation with persons conversant with approved methods of testing the eyesight and hearing of school children shows that we may give our pupils that important privilege, either at a nominal cost, or at an expense small enough not to be prohibitive. I recommend that a competent specialist be employed for that purpose. Examinations elsewhere have proved, beyond question, that unsuspected defects of hearing or vision are often the cause of apparent dulness, and that even those who are least handicapped by these defects generally experience great relief when suitable attention has been received by them.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SAVINGS.

In many towns where savings banks have been willing to co-

operate with the public schools, a system of encouraging school children to make small savings has been successful in promoting thrifty habits. The system is too well known to call for a detailed description. The essential characteristic is the supplying of stamps which the children buy of their teachers and when a pupil has saved a specified amount the bank receives it and places it on interest. If this system appeals to the committee, I shall be pleased to formulate a definite plan for its introduction.

DETRIMENTAL CONDITIONS.

Too many parents fail to realize the evil effects of requiring or allowing children—especially in the ninth grade and in the High school—to perform much outside work when not in school. “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” The ambition of many boys and girls to do good school work falls away rapidly when outside work claims much of their time. The small amount that can be earned seldom compensates for the loss of scholarship. If the pupils of one-session schools give proper attention to home study, they will have little time for any other occupation except healthful recreation.

In this connection another condition detrimental to the welfare of school children deserves notice. In many families both parents are employed away from home and their children are deprived of proper parental supervision and care. As a result, the children often fall into habits that cause their teachers trouble, take their minds from their studies and lessen their desire to attend school. In some instances the wages of both parents may be necessary for providing the ordinary comforts of life. More frequently, however, at the cost of some self-denial, parents can keep the children under the fostering home care of the mother—the home maker—who can have no higher or nobler occupation than the training of her children.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Faithful service in any sphere of duty is its own best reward. Yet it is fitting that those who receive the benefit of such service should occasionally give some evidence that they estimate it at its true value. The care of a school building demands intelligence, neatness, orderly habits, willingness to work, com-

pliance with established regulations, an accommodating disposition, a desire to co-operate with teachers, patience with children, and a genuine pride in keeping the grounds, schoolrooms, corridors, basements and attics in the best possible condition. Mr. John W. Wright, who retired last January, on account of his impaired health, from his position as janitor of the Reed school, after performing its duties from the time of its erection in 1892, was a man who exhibited these qualities. It is a pleasure to extend to him in his retirement this acknowledgment of the good service that he rendered.

CONCLUSION.

In the severe physical affliction that has deprived the committee of the usual active service of its secretary, I wish, as one associated with him in school administration, to express the sympathy of his co-workers. His return to our deliberations will be welcomed. We may all anticipate, with pleasure, a continuation of the harmonious relations that have characterized our official intercourse during the many months that we have been privileged to work together for the good of the school children of Whitman.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. WALRADT,

January 12, 1906.

Superintendent of Schools.



MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 22, 1905.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	GRADES.	ENROLLED.			Total Members	Average Members	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
High	{ Dudley L. Whitmarsh, Principal, Margaret A. Gaffney, 1st Assistant, Carrie E. Hodge, Assistant, Lydia R. Smith, Assistant, Katharine F. Cody, Assistant, Mabel F. Moore, Assistant, (half time) Susan R. Scott, Assistant, Angie G. Allbee, Assistant,	X-XIII.	74	81	155	159	135.6	131.2	96.7
Bates	{ Pearl Pennington,	I-IV.	10	17	27	35	25.3	23.6	93.3
Corthell	{ M. Gertrude Gaffney, Principal, Laura I. Hutchinson, Assistant,	III, IV. I, II.†	28 29	21 33	49 62	53 72	46.8 59.6	44.4 53.3	94.9 89.3
Dyer	{ William L. Coggins, Principal, *Mabel F. Moore, Assistant, (half time) Annie E. G. Bickford, Assistant, Grace G. Luther, Assistant, Joanna F. Fullerton, Assistant, Elizabeth B. Bosworth, Assistant, Jennie M. Howe, Assistant, (Grace G. Coles, Assistant,†	IX. IX. IX. (Annex) VIII. VI. IV. V. III, IV. I, II.†	23 22 23 22 23 18 27	15 26 22 28 28 28 30	38 48 45 50 52 46 57	38 51 50 52 52 73 73	34.6 37.0 34.9 44.6 50.3 47.9 45.2 52.9	33.0 34.9 41.5 47.9 47.9 45.2 52.9	95.5 94.3 93.9 95.2 95.5 91.2
Gurney	{ Sarah L. Dinsmore, Principal, Frances L. Hayward, Assistant, Florence M. Edwards, Assistant, (Edith E. Lincoln, Assistant,	V. VI. IV. V. II, III. I, II.	21 21 13 40	22 23 27 24	43 44 45 64	47 50 55 73	42.4 41.7 43.9 63.4	40.4 38.9 42.8 57.9	95.3 92.8 90.9 91.0

Hastings	{ Florence M. Tait, Principal, Floise M. Prentiss, Assistant, Clara E. McGreevy, Assistant, Katharine A. Collins, Assistant,	VIII, VII, VI, IV, V,	21 17 18 21	19 25 27 23	40 42 45 44	40 52 49 55	36.2 44.0 43.8 45.0	33.6 40.6 41.0 43.0	92.9 92.3 93.6 95.5
Reed	{ Emma R. Nash, Principal, Ma Belle Cobb, Assistant, Josephine C. Stebbins, Assistant,* Emma R. Maloy, Assistant, Leila R. Gurney, Assistant,	VI-VIII, V, VI, III, IV, I, II,†	26 22 22 27	14 20 21 27	40 42 43 54	62 63 54 68	42.1 53.6 45.8 53.9	41.5 52.6 43.7 50.4	98.5 98.2 95.3 93.5
Temple St.	{ Harriet M. Woodbury, Principal, { Geneva L. Morse, Principal, Anna Geogan, Assistant. A. Gertrude Jones, Drawing, S. Jessie Merrill, Music.	VIII, VII, I-XIII, I-XIII,	18 23	14 19	32 42	33 46	22.2 38.3	21.0 36.5	94.5 95.3
			620	633	1253	1441	1206.2	1140.7	94.6

*Not in charge of a room. Miss Smith's service ended Nov. 23, 1904; Miss Woodbury's, Dec. 23, 1904; Miss Hodge's, March 24, 1905. Miss Stebbins began service Oct. 3, 1904; Miss Moore, Oct. 1904; Miss Scott, Nov. 28, 1904; Miss Morse, Jan. 3, 1905; Miss Allbee, Apr. 3, 1905. Mrs. Bickford's section of Grade IX (Dyer Annex) was seated in the High school.

†In these schools Grade I pupils were grouped in two sections and each section attended school half a day only.

STATISTICS OF ATTENDANCE.

1. AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.
High School,.....	123.18	144.39	133.92	*92.58	90.86	99.75	98.51	95.0	119.0	135.6
Dyer School,.....	250.95	269.74	291.55	298.93	301.91	303.86	318.97	291.0	306.1	322.6
Reed School,.....	160.57	159.48	175.82	195.28	196.91	186.73	192.04	203.7	215.2	195.4
Hastings School...	164.91	175.07	177.68	198.35	219.95	190.22	203.77	195.4	194.0	169.0
Corthell School. .	106.87	99.78	104.47	111.05	107.12	101.33	94.00	98.2	93.7	106.4
Gurney School.....	113.90	112.76	134.94	151.27	139.78	194.17	186.84	205.5	213.8	191.4
Bates School.	27.50	28.38	32.63	31.03	28.33	33.51	25.48	27.4	27.6	25.3
Temple St. School.										60.5
Totals.....	947.88	989.60	1051.01	1078.49	1084.86	1109.57	1119.61	1116.2	1169.4	1206.2
2. AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.										
High School.....	118.75	140.28	129.55	89.32	87.14	95.45	92.69	90.2	113.7	131.2
Dyer School.....	237.75	254.94	278.10	277.79	277.51	281.82	294.63	261.9	283.7	304.3
Reed School.....	154.71	153.81	170.96	185.25	185.97	177.78	183.06	195.2	201.8	188.2
Hastings School...	155.25	165.38	168.77	184.47	204.75	170.99	186.05	180.3	179.5	158.2
Corthell School...	98.49	92.40	97.91	101.65	97.26	93.23	84.36	83.8	85.1	97.7
Gurney School.....	107.10	103.63	126.94	137.28	128.07	179.25	167.86	182.2	195.6	180.0
Bates School.....	26.01	26.46	31.01	28.88	26.53	30.41	22.54	24.9	24.2	23.6
Temple St. School.										57.5
Totals.....	898.06	936.90	1003.24	1004.64	1007.23	1028.93	1031.19	1018.5	1083.6	1140.7
3. PER CENT. OF ATTENDANCE										
High School.....	96.40	97.15	96.73	96.47	96.00	95.68	94.09	94.9	95.7	96.7
Dyer School.....	94.74	94.51	95.07	92.59	91.91	92.65	92.40	90.0	92.7	94.3
Reed School.....	96.36	96.44	97.23	95.63	94.10	95.77	95.32	95.8	93.8	96.3
Hastings School...	94.14	94.46	94.98	92.91	93.08	92.14	91.30	92.3	92.5	93.6
Corthell School. .	93.09	92.50	93.51	91.30	90.79	91.55	89.74	85.3	90.8	91.8
Gurney School....	94.02	91.90	94.07	89.96	91.62	91.01	89.04	88.7	91.5	94.0
Bates School.....	94.58	93.23	95.03	93.07	81.40	92.72	88.46	90.9	88.0	93.3
Temple St. School.										95.0
For all schools...	94.74	94.67	95.45	93.15	92.80	92.73	92.10	91.2	92.7	94.6

*Ninth year pupils no longer admitted to the High School.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 19, 1906.

TEACHERS.	SCHOOLS.	GRADE	SERVICE BEGAN.	EDUCATED	RESIDENCE.
Dudley L. Whitmarsh,	High.	10-13	Jan., 1894.	Bates College,	659 Washington Street.
Margaret A. Gaffney,	"		Sept., 1887.	Boston University,	25 Park Avenue.
Katharine F. Cody,	"		Sept., 1900.	Boston University.	325 Commercial Street.
Mabel F. Moore,	"		Oct., 1904.	Boston University.	85 Whitman Avenue.
Angie G. Allbee,	"		Mar., 1905.	Mount Holyoke College.	85 Whitman Avenue.
Edith M. Lovell,	"		Sept., 1905.	Boston University.	419 Warren Ave., Brockton.
Lillian Porter,	Bates.	1-4	Sept., 1905.	Newburyport Training School.	369 School Street.
M. Gertrude Gaffney,	Corthell.	3-4	Jan., 1899.	Boston Normal School.	25 Park Avenue.
Margaret Sibley,	"	3-4	Oct., 1905.	Simmons College	Wollaston, Mass.
Laura I. Hutchinson,	"	1-2	Apr., 1899	Bridgewater Normal School.	91 Alden Street.
Grace G. Coles,	"	1-2	N. v., 1903.	Perry Kinder'n Normal School.	36 Park Avenue.
Sarah L. Dinsmore,	Gurney.	6-7	Jan., 1904.	Worcester Normal School.	185 N. Main St., Brockton.
Elizabeth B. Bosworth.	"	5	Sept., 1879.	Whitman High School.	39 Harvard Street.
Frances L. Hayward.	"	3-4	May, 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School.	38 West Street.
Jennie M. Howe.	"	3-4	April, 1895.	Quincy Training School.	147 School Street.
Pearl Pennington,	"	1-2	Sept., 1903.	Bridgewater Normal School.	734 Bedford Street.
Elizabeth M. Lane.	"	1-2	Sept., 1905.	Bridgewater Normal School.	38 West Street.
Perley B. Reid.	Hastings.	9	Sept., 1905.	Provincial Normal School.	Linden House.
Florence M. Tait.	"	8	Sept., 1904.	N. Hampshire Female College.	62 Park Avenue.
Sarah G. Dexter.	"	6-7	Jan., 1905.	Worcester Normal School.	57 West Street.
Clara E. McGreevy.	"	5	Sept., 1889.	Weymouth Training School.	30 Whitman Avenue.
Katharine A. Collins.	"	5-7	Feb., 1899.	Whitman High School.	37 Lakeview Avenue.
Emma R. Nash.	Reed.	8	April, 1876.	East Bridgewater High School.	127 Pleasant Street.
Annie E. G. Bickford.	"	9	Sept., 1898.	Bridgewater Normal School.	677 Washington Street.
Grace G. Luther.	"	7	April, 1890.	Bridgewater Normal School.	South Hanson, Mass.
Josephine Stebbins.	"	7-9	Oct., 1904.	Bridgewater Normal School.	Whitman Street, Hanson.
Joanna F. Fullerton,	"	5-6	April, 1868.	Whitman High School.	235 So. Washington Street.
Emma R. Maloy,	"	3-4	Dec., 1872.	Whitman High School.	705 Washington Street.
Florence M. Edwards.	"	2-4	Sept., 1901.	Bridgewater Normal School.	Bridgewater, Mass.
Lella R. Gurney.	"	1	Sept., 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	236 School Street.
Geneva I. Morse.	Temple St.	7	Jan. 1905.	Westfield Normal School.	68 Warren Avenue.
Anna Gegan.	"	6	Oct. 1902.	Bridgewater Normal School.	48 Laurel Street.
Marion F. Holmes.	Drawing	1-13	Sept., 1905.	Mass. Normal Art School.	Rockland, Mass.

LIST OF TEACHERS—(Continued.)

TEACHERS.	SCHOOLS.	GRADE.	SERVICE BEGAN.	EDUCATED.	RESIDENCE.
Olive M. Gage.....	Drawing.	1-13.	Oct., 1905	Mass. Normal Art School.	Cambridge, Mass.
S. Jessie Merrill.....	Music.	1-13.	Sept., 1886	Institute of Normal Methods.	33 Central Street.

Miss Merrill is employed three days per week; Miss Holmes, two; Miss Gage, one.

Mr. Reid was elected as principal of the Dyer school and will take that position when the building is ready for use.

Miss Collins, Miss Stebbins and Miss Edwards are each employed in more than one room.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I

Population of Town May 1, 1905.....	6,639
Increase over 1904.....	58
School Census, September 1, 1905:	
Children between 5 and 15 years of age (boys, 565; girls, 590).....	1,155
Increase over 1904.....	57
Children between 7 and 14 years of age (boys, 409; girls, 431).....	840
Increase over 1904.....	67

II

Valuation of town, 1905.....	\$4,312,825 00
Increase over 1904.....	377,018 00
Total raised by taxation, 1905.....	81,850 85
Increase over 1904.....	2,640 08
Rate of taxation per 1,000.....	18 00
Decrease from 1904.....	1 10
Decrease from 1903.....	30
Cost of schools, 1905.....	31,208 74
Increase over 1904.....	2,047 93
Cost of schools for every \$1,000 of valuation	7 24
Decrease from 1904.....	17
Per cent of school expense to total tax....	38.1
Increase over 1904.....	1.3
Average cost per pupil based upon the average membership (1206.2) for the year.	25 87
Increase over 1904.....	.93
Cost of schools, 1905, exclusive of repairs, extra school accommodations and permanent improvements.....	25,850 68
Increase over 1904.....	591.60
Average cost per pupil on basis of average membership	21.43

Decrease from 1904.....	.17
Decrease from 1903.....	.59
Cost per pupil for books and supplies.....	1.86
Increase over 1904.....	.14

III

Number of school buildings (1 temporary.. High, 1; grammar, 1; grammar and primary, 6.	8
Number of schools (12 on half time).....	26
Number of schools reduced to full time....	20
Decrease from 1904.....	5

IV

Number of teachers employed Jan. 19, 1906 High, (1 man, 5 women), 6; grammar, (1 man, 13 women), 14; primary, 12; special, 3.	35
Increase over Jan. 27, 1905.....	2

V

Number of pupils enrolled during the year 1904-1905 (boys, 622; girls, 633)....	1253
Increase over preceding year.....	44
Number under five years of age.....	4
Number between five and fifteen years of age	1106
Number over fifteen years of age.....	143
Number between seven and fourteen years of age (compulsory limits).....	830
Average membership for the year 1904-1905	1206.2
Increase over preceding year.....	36.8
Average membership, each school, 1904-1905	48.2
Decrease from preceding year.....	5.0
Average membership, each teacher, 1904-05	38.9
High, 24.7; grammar, 36.3; grammar and primary, 45.7; primary, 49.3.	
Decrease from preceding year.....	1.4

Number of pupils belonging to all the Schools, January 19, 1906.....	1279
High, 172; Bates, 38; Corthell, 168; Gurney, 274; Hastings, 215; Reed, 333; Temple Street, 79.	
Increase over same month last year....	62
Largest membership of the schools during the current school year, (October).....	1291
Increase over October, 1904.....	37

VI

Average attendance during year 1904-1905.	1140.7
Increase over preceding year.....	57.1
Per cent. of attendance during the year....	94.6
High, 96.7; grammar, 95.1; grammar and primary, 94.7; primary, 93.3.	
Increase over preceding year.....	1.9

VII.

Graduates from High School (boys, 4; girls, 8)	12
Increase over preceding year (boys, 1; girls, 3).....	4
Graduates from Dyer Grammar School, (boys, 37; girls, 37).....	74
Increase over preceding year, (boys, 10; girls, 5).....	15
Dyer School graduates who entered the High school (boys, 35; girls, 35).....	70
Increase over preceding year (boys, 14; girls, 9).....	23

VIII

Number visits to the schools, not including visits by the school committee and the superintendent.....	1061
Decrease from preceding year.....	298

Number of names in the Roll of Honor....	72
Increase over preceding year.....	5

IX

Services of Truant Officer:—

Cases investigated.....	129
Truancy.....	43
Sickness.....	15
Want of proper clothing.....	7
Kept by parents (satisfactory excuses)	25
Kept by parents, (unsatisfactory ex- cuses).....	35
Other causes.....	4

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS WHO WERE NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY DURING
THE YEAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Alice Cobb,	Harold Randall,
Edna Cook,*	Helen Stone,‡
Loring Jenkins,	George Teasdale,
Lathrop Lovell,*	Shirley Thayer,*
Lena Low,	William Turner,‡
Nellie McCallum,	Lena White,*
Stuart McCallum,	Roy Williams,‡
Annie McMahon,	Ilda Wright.

BATES SCHOOL.

Lizzie Faunce,*	Mary Faunce.‡
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CORTHELL SCHOOL.

Charles Hayes,	Michael Hayes,
John Hayes,*	Florence McCarthy,
Mary Hayes,	Michael McCarthy.

DYER SCHOOL.

Harold Austin,	Arthur Lewis,
Sarah Batchelder,†	William Meuse,
Arthur H. Bates,†	Blanche Powers,
Grace Gill,	Harris Reed,*
Eldon Horsman,	Harris Tucker,
Clifford Kershaw,	John Warwick.

GURNEY SCHOOL.

Florence Daniels,*	Lois Phinney,*
Josie Duntley,	Dorothy Randall,
Ruth Paddleford,*	Rowena Turner.*
Stewart Paddleford,*	

HASTINGS SCHOOL.

Hope Allen,	John Hayes,
Karl Allen,	William Kinsley,
Henry Hayes,	Franklin Pierce.

REED SCHOOL.

Fannie Abbott,	Bertha Rich,
Charles Bell,*	Ethel Rich,
Clifton Butler,*	Leon Rich,
Henry Finnigan,	Ray Stanton,
Byron Higgins,	Harold Thomas,
Cornelius Horgan,	Herman Thomas,
Esther Horsman,	Bertha Tirrell,
Alice Kenneally,	Elmer Webster,
Mabel Loveless,	Michael White,*
Harold McNeil,	Esther Williams,
Helen Ransom,	Willie Williams.
Alta Reed,	

*These pupils had the same record the previous year.

†These pupils have the same record for three consecutive years.

‡These pupils have the same record for four consecutive years.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1905,
 WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL,
 VILLAGE HALL, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 21, 1905.

"EN AVANT."

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Entrance of School.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prayer.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Music—"Oh Italia, Italia, Beloved,"	-	-	-	-	-	Donizetti
SCHOOL CHORUS.						
Salutatory,	-	-	-	-	-	CHARLES F. FRAHAR
Essay—The Purpose of Education,	-	-	-	-	-	RUTH A. SMALL
Violin Solo—"Romance,"	-	-	-	-	-	Becker
RALPH C. JENKINS.						
Recitation—Selection from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice,"	-	-	-	-	-	IDA S. MCKINNON.
Original Declamation—"The Pure Food Question,"	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIAM D. CODY.						
Music—"With Horse and Hound,"	-	-	-	-	-	Caldicott
MIXED CHORUS.						
Class History,	-	-	-	-	-	A. LULU HALL
Declamation—"The Need of the Times—Greater Honesty in	-	-	-	-	-	LEOPOLD CLIFT
Public Places,	-	-	-	-	-	Bartlett
Piano Solo—"Grande Polka de Concert,"	-	-	-	-	-	LEONA M. FOSTER.
Class Prophecy,	-	-	-	-	-	IRVINA H. HERSEY
Class Will,	-	-	-	-	-	ALICE G. WHITMORE
Music—"The Beautiful Blue Danube,"	-	-	-	-	-	Strauss
Arr. by McConathy. SCHOOL CHORUS.						
Valedictory,	-	-	-	-	-	MARGARET O. EDSON

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

SINGING OF CLASS ODE.

CLASS ODE.

MARION IDA HATCH.

I

The hour has come to say farewell
 To classmates and friends that are dear,
 But our spirits are light and our courage is strong
 And our parting is full of good cheer.
 Happy are the days that we've been together,
 Days that will ne'er come again,
 But their joys, and their sorrows, their work and their play
 With us will forever remain.

II

By diligent toil some knowledge we've gained
 And a measure of training beside,
 That will guide and direct in the days to come
 As it has in the days gone by.
 Though our schooldays we leave for the duties of life,
 To abide by our motto we'll strive;
 Graven deep in our hearts it will ever remain
 "En Avant!" to our class Nineteen Five.

GRADUATES.

George Leopold Clift,	William David Cody,
Margaret Orr Edson,	Leona Marjorie Foster,
Charles Francis Frahar,	Addie Lulu Hall,
Marion Ida Hatch,	Irvina Hosmer Hersey,
Ralph Cummings Jenkins,	Ida Sarah McKinnon,
Ruth Addison Small,	Alice Gordon Whitmore.

A certificate was awarded to Edith Rosette Clark for the satisfactory accomplishment of a partial course.

CLASS OFFICERS.

President,	-	-	-	-	Charles F. Frahar
Vice-President,	-	-	-	-	Margaret O. Edson
Secretary,	-	-	-	-	G. Leopold Clift
Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	A. Lulu Hall
Marshal,	-	-	-	-	Charles F. Frahar

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE DYER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

AT G. A. R. HALL, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 22, 1905.

"PERSEVERANCE BRINGS SUCCESS."

PROGRAM.

March—"Standard Bearer,"	-	-	-	Fahrbach
				Fred D. Hovey.
Prayer,	-	-	-	Rev. E. C. Camp
Music—"Heaven and the Earth Display,"			-	Veazie
				School.
Piano Solo—"E Flat Nocturne,"	-	-	-	Chopin
				Madeleine Thompson.
Words of Welcome,	-	-	-	Class President
Chorus—"Annie Laurie,"	-	-	-	School
Address,	-	-		Hon. A. S. Rowe, Worcester, Mass.
Duet—"Fly Away Birdling,"	-	-	-	Franz Abt
				John Nash, Alton Spalding.
Presentation of Certificates,	-	-		Mrs. Charles E. Lovell
Music—"Joys of Spring,"	-	-	-	Geibel
				School.

CLASS OFFICERS.

President,	-	-	-	-	Stuart Randall
Vice-President,	-	-	-	-	Ralph O. Stanton
Secretary,	-	-	-	-	Hazel M. Hall
Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	Gladys J. Gurney

GRADUATES.

Harold Baylies Austin,	Arthur John Lewis,*
Isabella Mary Barclay,*	Joseph Ralph Lewis,*
Percy R. Barrows,*	Mary Bulah Linn,*
Arthur Franklin Bates,*	Howard Smith Lowell,*
Mildred Perry Bates,*	Augusta Mary McNeil,*
Sarah Irene Batchelder,	Lillian Agnes Mullen,*
John Everett Beal,*	Melina Munroe,*
Abbie Benson,*	James Anthony Murphy,*
Marion Redmon Blackman,*	Katharine Alice Murphy,*
Blanch Murrilla Blois,*	John Franklin Nash,*
Frank Edward Brough,*	Beatrice Sumner Perry,*
Florence Etta Brown,*	Jennie Linwood Phillips,*
Julia Elizabeth Buckley,*	William Bill Powers,*
Mary Josephine Burke,*	Eva May Rand,*
Gladys Burrell,*	Roland George Rand,*
William Francis Callanan,*	Bernice Carlton Randall,*
Mary Agnes Condon,*	James Stuart Randall,*
Roland Eddes Copeland,*	William Marshall Ransom,*
Olivia Frances Cummings,*	Gilbert Le Roy Reckord,*
Helena Marie Donovan,*	Carl Bicknell Reed,*
Alton Harold Dunbar,*	Harris Spilstead Reed,*
Leon Davis Edson,*	Helen Frances Reed,*
Mildred Louise Esterbrook,*	Ruth Reed,*
John Lawrence Finnigan,*	Beatrice Reid,*
William Henry Fogerty,*	Mary Annette Robbins,*
Grace Etta Gill,*	Ethelle Alden Rose,*
John Dudley Goulais,*	Edith Sharpe,*
Merrill Lincoln Greeley,*	Alton Leslie Spaulding,*
Gladys J. Gurney,*	Nettie Marguerite Spaulding,*
Hazel May Hall,*	Ralph Oswald Stanton,*
Lewis Franklin Hammond,*	Clyde Magoun Stetson,
Joseph Leo Hatchfield,*	Annie Sullivan,
Eldon Warrington Horsman,*	Madeleine Charlotte Thompson*
Fred Davis Hovey,*	Harris Merton Tucker,*
May Elizabeth Jenness,*	John Caleb Warwick,*
George Albion Joyce,*	Clarence Gurney Whiting,*
Clifford Gordon Kershaw,*	Carrie Hollander Wyzanski.*

*Entered the High School.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

Schooling Proper.....	\$21,000 00	
Text Books and Supplies.....	2,000 00	
Incidentals.....	1,500 00	
Superintendent.....	1,000 00	
Reed School addition.....	4,100 00	
Dog Fund.....	870 57	
Tuition.....	777 06	
	<hr/>	\$31,247 63

EXPENDITURES.

Schooling Proper.....	\$21,848 29	
Text Books and Supplies.....	2,660 35	
Incidentals.....	1,535 35	
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00	
Reed School Addition.....	4,164 75	
	<hr/>	\$31,208 74
Unexpended Balance.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$38 89

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLING PROPER.

Paid for teaching:—

D. L. Whitmarsh.....	\$1,365 00
Margaret A. Gaffney.....	735 00
Carrie E. Hodge.....	135 45
Angie G. Allbee.....	405 00
Katharine F. Cody.....	630 00
Mabel F. Moore.....	520 00
Susan R. Scott.....	330 00
Edith M. Lovell.....	200 00
William L. Coggins.....	450 00
Perley B. Reid.....	280 00
Annie E. G. Bickford.....	500 00

Joanna F. Fullerton	485 00
Elizabeth B. Bosworth	500 00
Grace G. Luther	500 00
Jennie M. Howe	480 00
Grace G. Coles	416 00
Emma R. Nash	600 00
MaBelle Cobb	300 00
Josephine Stebbins	372 00
Emma R. Maloy	480 00
Leila R. Gurney	416 00
Florence M. Tait	520 00
Eloise M. Prentiss	500 00
Clara E. McGreevey	500 00
Katharine A. Collins	494 00
Sarah L. Dinsmore	550 00
Frances L. Hayward	447 75
Florence M. Edwards	480 00
Edith E. Lincoln	288 00
Elizabeth M. Lane	160 00
M. Gertrude Gaffney	505 00
Laura I. Hutchinson	480 00
Pearl Pennington	445 00
Geneva L. Morse	485 00
Anna Geogan	460 00
S. Jessie Merrill	390 00
A. Gertrude Jones	150 00
Deborah A. Partridge	7 34
Celia S. Lee	37 03
Edith L. Griffith	3 73
Marion F. Holmes	120 00
Lillian Porter	180 00
Margaret Sibley	64 00
Olive M. Gage	16 00
<hr/> \$17,382 30	

JANITOR WORK.

Paid—

B. F. Peterson	\$460 00	
Charles F. Cook	450 00	
James H. Wetherell	500 00	
A. W. Thompson	338 10	
George E. Luzarder.....	36 00	
David S. Murphy	428 42	
John A. Porter.....	36 31	
Albert H. Cook.....	5 98	
John W. Wright.....	36 75	
George H. Pearson.....	163 73	
George A. Faunce.....	35 00	
Fred Crowley	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$2500 79

TRUANT OFFICER.

Paid—

Charles F. Cook.....	65 00	
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FUEL.

Paid—

Randall W. Cook, coal.....	\$1527 57	
Whitman Grain & Coal Co., coal..	262 00	
Walter W. Josselyn, wood	69 88	
Joseph Murphy, wood.....	40 75	
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		\$21,848 29

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid—

Henry M. Walradt.....	\$1000 00
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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid—

Allyn & Bacon.....	\$ 43 26
American Book Co.....	165 00

Mary Anderson Atherton.....	45 00	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover.....	1 80	
C. C. Birchard & Co.....	14 52	
Edward E. Babb & Co.....	612 65	
Milton Bradley Co.....	207 38	
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding books.....	75 68	
Oliver Ditson Co.....	5 34	
Educational Publishing Co.....	39 38	
Ginn & Co.....	386 73	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	42 72	
D. C. Heath & Co.....	84 79	
J. L. Hammett Co.....	43 32	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., chemi- cal supplies.....	20 82	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins.....	45 60	
S. Jessie Merrill.....	1 66	
The Park Publishing Co.....	4 50	
Remington Typewriter Co., type- writers.....	210 00	
Remington Typewriter Co.....	10 00	
Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., type- writers	210 00	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.....	85 49	
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	251 43	
Thompson, Brown & Co.....	52 30	
	<hr/>	\$2,660 35

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Insurance:—

C. F. Allen, Hastings and Bates schools.....	97 50	
Howland, Faunce & Co, High and Reed schools.....	24 78	
George D. Soule, Reed school.....	22 50	
	<hr/>	144 78

School Census :—

I. T. Churchill.....	40 20	
A. D. B. Butler.....	24 00	
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		64 20
Roy Allen, repairing bells.....	2 00	
George Atwood, spring water.....	3 50	
Atwood Bros., sawdust for Reed school.....	25	
Lewis T. Adams, sharpening lawn mowers.....	2 00	
E. E. Bassett, supplies and glass...	7 15	
F. A. Barnes, carpenter work	38 72	
The Beal Press, 9th grade diplomas	20 70	
J. C. Bryant, painting and supplies	14 66	
Paul Black, cementing and repairs.	34 35	
Bryant & Eburn, painting.....	1 25	
W. A. Bowles, organ for 9th grade.	15 00	
Boston Eng. & Ill. Co., cut of plans	5 00	
George A. Clift, janitors' supplies..	4 75	
Albert Davis, rent of hall for High school.....	10 00	
S. B. Dyer, resetting indicator.....	4 00	
O. D. Everson, cleaning clocks....	11 00	
The Edison Electric & Illuminating Co., of Brockton.....	9 00	
Fairbanks Brothers Co., repairs and supplies.....	183 65	
Albert Faunce, carpenter work....	15 88	
F. H. Fearing Paper Co., toilet paper	6 00	
Fuller & Warren Co., repairs on Gurney school.....	41 79	
Foresters of America, rent of hall..	4 00	
D. J. Green & Co., brooms, mats, etc.....	7 77	
J. C. Gilbert, paint for flag pole...	1 55	
Goodwin & Co., repairs on Reed furnace.....	6 90	

E. C. Howard, supplies.....	16 31
A. A. Harding, High and Reed schools	35 44
Harry Harding, postal cards and printing	32 80
John F. Hoyt, oil and janitors' sup- plies	1 83
E. B. Hill, repairing High school fence	2 28
International Heater Co., grate shaker.....	1 85
Jones, McDuffie & Stratton, lamp...	3 10
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, desks, etc.....	111 50
Delia Kilgrew, cleaning Reed school	3 50
David S. Murphy, labor at Reed school.....	6 38
Andrew R. McCallum, repairs on High school.....	26 61
Murphy, Leavens & Co., dusters and brushes.....	48 98
Old Colony Foundry Co., repairs..	6 08
M. P. O'Connor, curtains, etc.....	15 90
J. M. Penniman, freight and express	50 01
George H. Pearson, stock and work	1 75
Packard Bros., keys and repairs...	3 29
Andrew H. Peterson, work on High school.....	70 66
C. B. Perry, carting books.....	3 75
W. F. Parker, painting, etc.....	4 50
Walter Pearson, work on Hastings bell.....	94
Page & Baker, oak closet.....	15 00
J. Porter, setting glass.....	75

Charles F. Reed, stamped envelopes for Superintendent.....	10 60	
C. A. Randall, work on High, Gurney and Tempie Street Schools.....	119 39	
George A. Reed & Co., supplies...	7 00	
Alfred S. Roe, address to 9th grade graduates.....	10 00	
William Spellman, supplies.....	8 88	
Standard Oil Co., of New York, floor oil.....	23 53	
Smith-Premier Typewriter Co., tables	24 00	
W. E. Trufant, clerk for committee	50 00	
W. E. Trufant, work and expenses in connection with repairs and alterations on buildings.....	50 00	
Town of Whitman, Water Dept., water	44 49	
A. C. Tucker, cleaning clocks.....	4 00	
A. W. Thompson, carpenter work.	20 61	
Whitman Hardware Co., supplies..	2 50	
Henry M. Walradt, car fare, etc...	4 67	
Whitman Molding Co., labor and stock, High school.....	6 05	
A. C. Whitmarsh, lumber for the Gurney school.....	5 96	
Whitman Memorial Association Hall for 9th grade.....	3 00	
Washburn & Davie, repairs.....	14 11	
L. J. Voigt, filling in diplomas....	3 50	\$1,326 37
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		<u>\$1,535 35</u>

REED SCHOOL ADDITION.

Paid:

Charles A. Brigham, plans.....	50 00	
Paul Black, cementing cellar.....	85 60	
Charles Bennett, brick work.....	40 30	
Fairbanks Bros. Co., heating apparatus.....	645 00	
Louis J. Fratus, work on Reed school.....	6 00	
William H. Gowell, ex., stone and brick work.....	458 00	
A. W. Jackson, carpenter work and chimney.....	2,414 76	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture etc	386 94	
F. McCarthy, dry wells.....	30 00	
M. P. O'Connor, curtains.....	34 00	
J. M. Penniman, freight and cartage	7 15	
A. C. Tucker, two clocks.....	7 00	
		<u>\$4,164 75</u>

ESTIMATES FOR 1906.

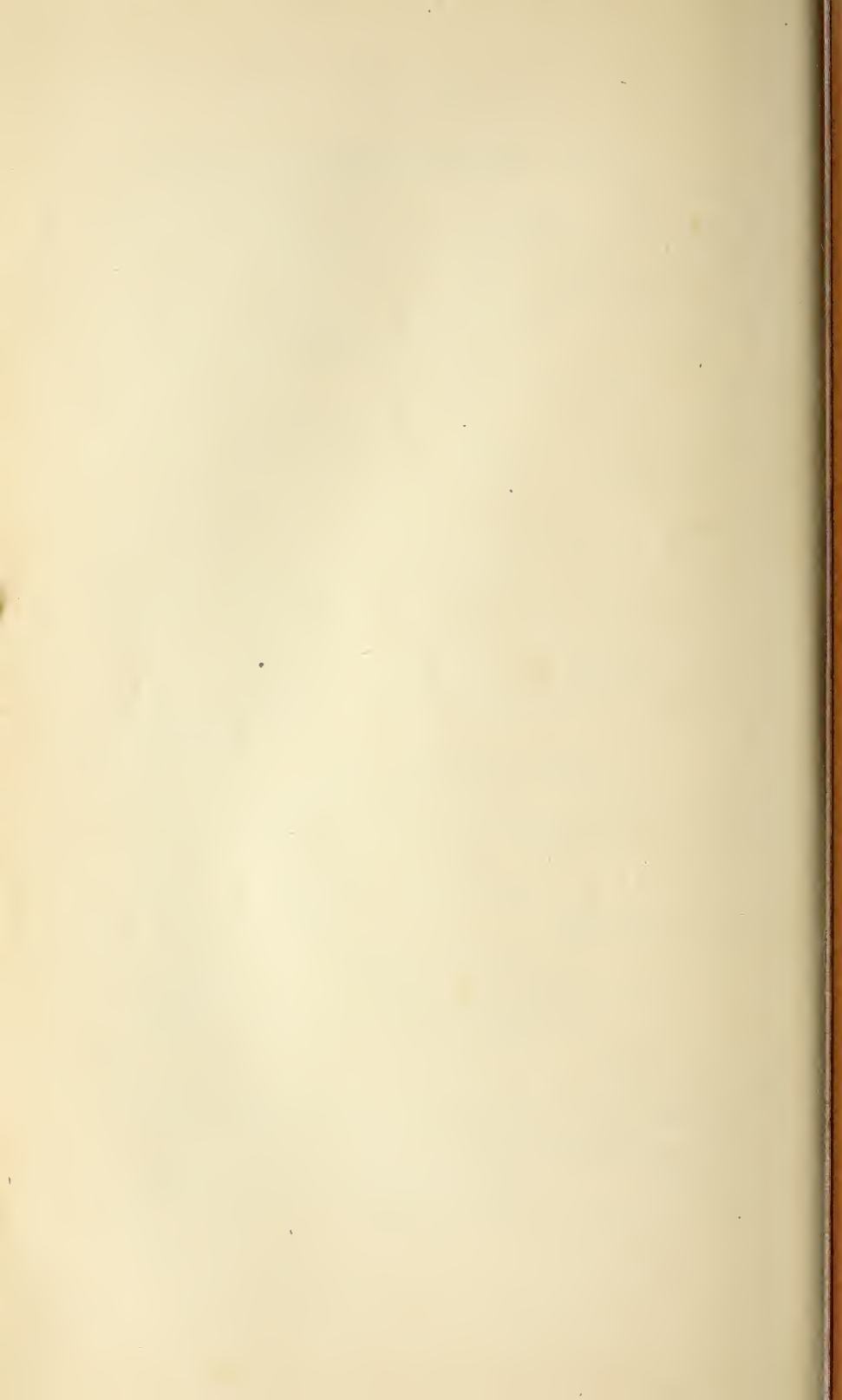
Schooling Proper.....	\$23,000 00
Text Books and Supplies.....	2,000 00
Incidentals	1,500 00
Superintendent of Schools.....	1,000 00
Shingling Dyer School.....	400 00

EUGENIA F. LOVELL,	} School Committee.
ELMER W. NOYES,	
WALTER E. TRUFANT.	

Jan. 26, 1906.

We have this day examined the foregoing and find it correct and supported by proper vouchers.

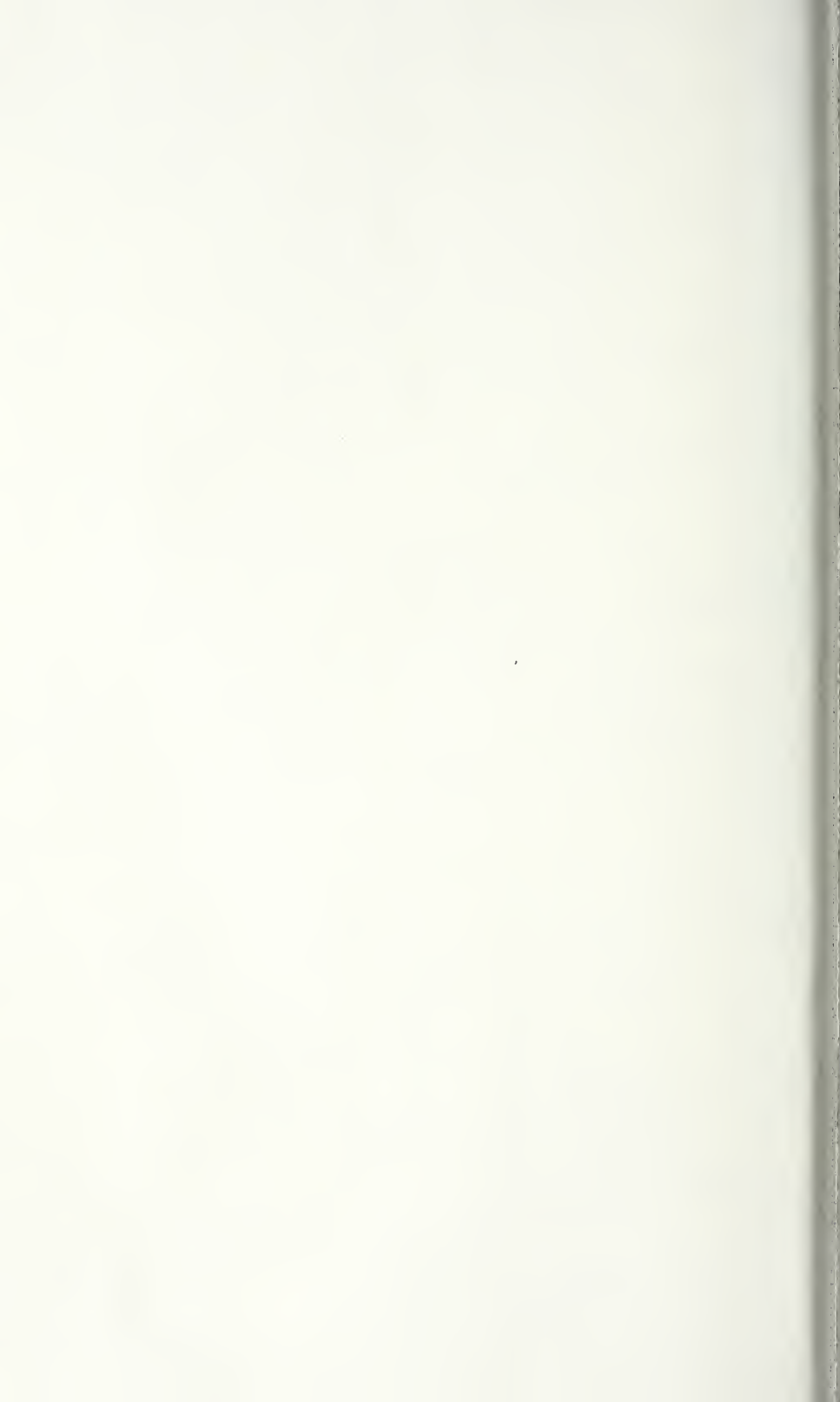
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